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LANDSLIDE VICTORY FOR RAJIV

Family record for Mrs Gandhi's son

By DAVID GRAVES in New Delhi

MR Rajiv Gandhi was last night poised to lead his congress (Indira) party to an historic victory in the Indian general election, according to computer forecasts based in the first declared results.

It was predicted that he would win 50 per cent. of the popular vote for the first time—a feat never achieved by his grandfather Mr Jawaharlal Nehru or his mother, Mrs Indira Gandhi.

Computer forecasts given by the state-run television service predicted that the Congress (I) would win 360, and possibly more than 400 of the 503 constituencies in which voting was held.

The Congress (I) landslide became apparent as soon as the first results were announced, and was only halted in three of the 20 states by opposition parties.

Jubilant Congress (I) supporters last night thronged the streets of New Delhi in a cavalcade of cars and lorries to celebrate the victory of India's youngest-ever Prime Minister.

Mr Gandhi spent his day of triumph working quietly at 1, Safdarjung Road, his official office in the Indian capital.

Initial indications were that all but one of the major opposition party leaders were heading for defeat.

Only Mr Charan Singh, 82, the former Prime Minister and

Mr Rajiv Gandhi

leader of the Dalit Krishak Mazdoor party, seemed certain to retain his seat at Baghpat, in Uttar Pradesh.

Mr Atal Vajpayee, the former Foreign Minister in the Janata Government, and president of the Right-wing Bharatiya Janata party, was defeated in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, by the Prince of Gwalior, a surprise last-minute candidate for the ruling party.

In Bangalore north in Karnataka, Mr George Fernandes, Secretary General of the Janata party, was defeated by his Congress (I) rival.

The only major setback to the landslide of the Congress (I) came in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh where strong opposition from the local Telugu Desam state party led by Mr N. T. Rama Rao, a former film star, caused a 13 per cent. swing against Mr Gandhi's party.

Mr P. V. Narasimha Rao, Home Minister, lost in the state, but won in a second seat he had fought in the neighbouring state of Maharashtra.

However, his Ministerial colleague, Mr Shiv Shanker, Energy Minister, lost in Medak, Mrs Gandhi's former constituency in Andhra Pradesh.

Computer forecasts predicted the defeat of Congress (I) candidates in 25 of the 40 seats in the southern state — but that was regarded as a mere hiccup as the party swept back to power.

In 1980 when Mrs Gandhi was returned to office after three years out of power she won 43 per cent. of the popular vote and 352 seats, a feat expected to be surpassed by her 40-year-old son.

Latest figures showed he was leading by 75,000 votes in his own constituency in Uttar Pradesh where he had been pitted a gainst Mrs Manek Gandhi, 29, his sister-in-law, who had earlier alleged there had been widespred vote rigging in the seat during voting last Monday.

The three-week election campaign was generally regarded as one of India's most lacklustre because of a lack of credible challenge posed by a divided and splintered opposition.

A spokesman for the Indian Election Commission, maintained it had been one of the most peaceful in recent years despite the deaths of at least 29 people in clashes before and during polling.

At least six people died in violence between supporters of various parties before the first day of polling last Monday. Fifteen were killed during voting on the first day and eight more deaths were reported during the second phase of the election on Thursday.

Counting in the world's largest democratic election began yesterday morning while voting took place in the last three of the 507 consituencies to go to the polls.

A soon as the polls closed in the three seats in Maghalaya and Nagaland in north eastern

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How they stand

The state of the parties after the declaration of 165 seats was: Congress (I) 127; Janata 7; Bharatiya Janata Party 1; Communist Party of India (Marxist) 5; Dalit Krisshak Mazdoor 0; Communist Party of India 0; Others 25.

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2,000 accept shipyard redundancy offer

By JOHN PETTY Shipping Correspondent

MORE than 2,000 men have volunteered for redundancy at the Swan Hunter shipyards on Tyneside, surprising and angering union leaders who were ready to strike over management calls for cuts.

Pay-offs will average only between £2,000 and £3,000 a man, union officials say.

Male unemployment in the areas around the yards is put at over 37 per cent. at Walker, 30 per cent. at Byker and almost 26 per cent. at Wallsend.

Management gave warning a few weeks ago that lack of orders meant 2,000 redundancies would be needed in February. Now it will clearly achieve the target.

"Even some shop stewards have volunteered to go," said Mr Bob Welford, secretary of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions at the four Swan Hunter yards.

Swan Hunter employed about 11,000 people when nationalised in 1977. It was down to about 7,500 when the call for voluntary redundancy went out.

British Shipbuilders has put the firm up for sale and an attempt at a management buy-out is to be made. The yards have lost £45 million in two years.

PECKINPAH DIES

Samuel Peckinpah, the American film director who was noted for his explicit portrayal of violence, died yesterday in a Los Angeles hospital, aged 59. He suffered a heart attack after being flown from Mexico to the Centinela Hospital on Thursday.

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Sterling drifts to new low

By CLIFFORD GERMAN Financial Correspondent

THE pound drifted to yet another all-time low against the dollar yesterday and interest rates in the London money markets edged nervously higher.

But share prices ignored the implicit threat of dearer money and the FINANCIAL TIMES 30-Share Index climbed steadily to close 16·2 higher at an all time high of 945·2.

The pound was quoted as low as $1·1570 soon after trading began in Europe, reflecting fears of an oil price war which would erode the Chancellor's oil revenues from the North Sea.

It staged a partial recovery but still closed at $1·1627 in London, 16 points below the previous low on Thursday.

Commercial demand was almost entirely for dollars, as the impression spread that American interest rates will fall no further immediately.

Deposit costs

The fall in sterling affected interest rates, with some quotations rising up to 3/16 before settling back to about 1/16 per cent. higher on th day.

The cost of three-month deposits in the inter bank market on which Barclays Bank aligns its base rates, rose 1/16 per cent. up about 5/16 per cent. over the past month.

Up to this level base rates, which range from 9½ to 9¾ per cent. are safe. But a further rise in the cost of money in the market could put upward pressure on base.

Prices of British Government fixed interest stocks drifted by up to £⅜ in early trading as a result of the events in the foreign exchange and money markets.

But investors continued to ignore these events entirely, or to assume that a weaker pound represents a selective stimulous to sales of British goods without any corresponding risk of dearer money or higher inflation.

REAGAN VIEW

Argument disputed

DAVID SHEARS IN WASHINGTON WRITES: President Reagan yesterday disputed suggestions that the dollar was overvalued and that America should take action to lower its level on world currency markets.

In answers to written questions from a Japanese newspaper, Mr Reagan said that arguments that the high dollar threatens the global recovery were not supported by the facts. During his administration, interest rates had not generally played a major role in determining exchange rates.

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U.S. ECONOMY STARTING TO PICK UP AGAIN

By Our Washington Staff

Further evidence that the American economy is picking up momentum again after its slowdown of recent months came yesterday from the official Government barometer of economic trends.

The index of leading economic indicators, a composite of 12 forward-looking economic measurements, climbed 1·5 per cent. in November, its biggest gain in nine months.

But at the same time the Commerce Department reported that the American merchandise trade deficit reached $9·9 billion (£8·5 billion) last month, rising more than seven per cent. above the October level.

For the whole January-November period the trade gap was $115·4 billion (almost £100 billion), a two-thirds increase over last year's record trade deficit of $69·4 billion (almost £60 billion). The surging value of the dollar is largely to blame.

OPEC FAILS TO HALT PRICE SLIDE

By Our Business Correspondent

Oil prices continued to fall yesterday as traders maintained that the new output and price pact being worked out by the Opec countries in Geneva would not be enough to stabilise the market. North Sea oil was standing at a $2 barrel discount on official prices.

Opec cleared one hurdle yesterday by accepting a new system to end cheating on oil quotas, and was attempting last night to bridge differences over modest oil price cuts.

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The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Runcie, looking at a copy of the Koran, a gift from Col Gaddafi, which the Archbishop's special envoy, Mr Terry Waite, handed to him in Canterbury yesterday on his return from Libya. Mr Waite informed him of his efforts to secure the release of the four detained Britons. Report—Back Page.

Minister 'knew of priest kidnap plot'

By ROBIN GEDYE Diplomatic Staff

A POLISH deputy Interior Minister was aware of the kidnapping plot which resulted in the death of Father Jerzy Popieluszko, the pro-Solidarity priest, according to one of the policemen accused of his murder.

But Lt. Leszek Pekala, 32, giving evidence yesterday on the second day of the Warsaw trial of four policemen charged in connection with the murder of Father Popieluszko, did not name the Minister.

Lt. Pekala also withdrew allegations that the Minister had approved the murder, an dsaid he had been told about him by Capt Grzegorz Piotrowski, 35, one of the four security policemen on trial.

There are six officials of deputy ministerial rank at the Interior Ministry, according to the government spokesman's office.

Lt Pakala, Lt Waldemar Chmielewski, 29, and Capt. Piotrowski are charged with murdering the priest. Their Interior Ministry superior, Col Adam Pietruszka, 47, is charged with inciting them.

Lt Pekala, the first of the four accused to give evidence, referred to other possible victims, including Father Henryk Jankowski, Lech Walesa's priest and adviser.

He denied that the policeman intended to kill Father Popieluszko.

"It was to have been an abduction with the possibility of jeopardising his health. It was never officially stated that Popieluszko must die," Lt Pekala said.

He said that the priest, kidnapped on Oct. 19, pleaded for mercy crying "spare my life you people," before being beaten unconscious.

He was beaten four times

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REAGAN WARNS AGAINST ARMS TALKS OPTIMISM

By Our Staff Correspondent in Los Angeles

President Reagan cautioned yesterday against hopes being raised too high for the Soviet-American arms control talks between his Secretary of State, Mr Shultz, and the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Gromyko, in Geneva next month.

"A two day meeting cannot solve the complicated issues before us," he said in an interview with a Japanese newspaper.

"We hope it will be a constructive beginning for further detailed negotiations. But it isn't an easy job."

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TWO DIE IN MOTORWAY PILE-UP

Daily Telegraph Reporter

FORECAST: *Eastern areas remaining frosty with fog patches; western areas milder with cloud and rain.*

TWO people were killed in a multiple crash on the M6 motorway in Warwickshire yesterday after an articulated lorry skidded on black ice and crossed the central reservation.

It collided with another lorry and a car. Dozens of other drivers swerved to avoid the wreckage, causing minor accidents.

'Brick wall'

Fog and ice held much of Britain in a tight wintry grip last night. At one stage visibility was down to ten yards at the junction of the M25 London orbital motorway with the A1 and A6 at South Mimms, Hertfordshire.

"It's like driving into a brick wall—certainly the worst fog reported this winter and probably for years," an AA spokesman said.

The fog also caused several flights at Heathrow Airport to be cancelled or diverted.

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BEAUFORT GRAVE ARRESTS

By GRAHAM JONES

A WOMAN and four men were being questioned last night by detectives investigating the attempt to dig up the body of the 10th Duke of Beaufort, from its grave in the grounds of Badminton House, Glos., on Christmas night.

The five were held during raids in Edmonton, North London, and Hertfordshire by Avon and Somerset and Hertfordshire police.

After questioning at Hertford, the five were taken to Staple Hill police station, north Bristol.

Charges under the Burial Act of 1857 are expected today.

Among items recovered by the police was the simple wooden cross erected by an estate worker to mark the grave of the hunting duke, who was a friend of the Queen.

The 10th duke, who founded the Badminton Horse Trials and was Master of the Beaufort Hunt for many years, died in February aged 65.

'Turkey damage' charge

Two adults and two juviniles, were charged at Grimsby magistrates court yesterday with damaging a turkey at a local store on Dec. 3 and "being reckless as to whether life would be endangered by their actions." All were remanded for a week, with the adults being held in custody.

'MAD MIKE' HOARE TO BE FREED

Colonel "mad Mike" Hoare, the Mercenary commander in the Congo uprising and leader of the abortive coup attempt in the Seychelles in 1981, will be released from prison in South Africa under a presidential amnesty, it was disclosed yesterday.

Col Hoare, 65, and understood to be ill, is one of 85 prisoners to benefit. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison in 1982 after skyjacking an Air India aircraft to take him and his mercenaries to South Africa when their coup attempt flopped.

BAXTERS SOLD

Brooke Bond, the tea and food company that has just been taken over by Unilever in a £500 million deal, is selling its Baxters butchers chain for £24 million to the Vestey company Union International, owners of the Dewhurst chain.

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Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Pressure will remain high in S.E., with frontal trough becoming slow moving in N. and W. parts.

LONDON, S.E., E. ENGLAND, E. ANGLIA: Dry, fog mostly clearing, sunny periods developing, wind mainly S., light. Rather cold, max 41F (5C).

CEN. S., CEN. N. ENGLAND, MIDLANDS, CHANNEL ISLANDS: Fog patches at first, becoming rather cloudy with a little rain or drizzle in places. Wind S., light or moderate. 43F (6C).

S.W. ENGLAND, S. N. WALES: Mostly cloudy, rain or drizzle at times, hill and coastal fog. Wind S. moderate or fresh. 48F (9C).

S. NORTH SEA, STRAIT OF DOVER: Wind S., force 1 becoming 4-5. Sea: smooth, becoming moderate.

OUTLOOK: Remaining mostly cold and dry in S.E., with overnight fog and frost. Rain at times in N. and W.

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NCB hopes to repeat 'back to work' surge

By STEPHEN WARD Industrial Staff

THE Coal Board is hoping that a renewed publicity campaign beginning on Monday will attract striking miners back to work at the same rate as the last big "push" in November.

Press advertisements and letters to miners' homes will point out, with a "carrot and stick" approach, the advantages of returning to work.

The "carrot" is the prospect of tax-free earnings up to the end of the financial year on March 31.

A married man is allowed to earn up to £3,115 in any year before he starts to pay income tax.

Average gross earnings of miners are £183 a week, which means they can expect total gross earnings of £2,379 between January and the end of March, 1985.

The £286 in holiday allowances which miners can claim when they have been back for four weeks will also be tax-free, taking the average amount miners will earn during the first quarter of 1985 to £2,667.

Stocks hold up

The "stick" which the Coal Board will be using is the fact that with coal stocks holding up well and increased oil burning at power stations the board can hold out for another year or more, if necessary.

A strategically-important target for the Coal Board is to get more than half the NUM membership back at work so that it could be claimed that the union had "voted with its feet" against the strike.

At the moment almost 70,000 of the 139,000 NUM members are defying the strike, so another 20,000 are needed to achieve a majority.

At the start of November's drive to get miners back to work more than 10,000 NUM members returned in a fortnight. But the rate slowed down in the weeks up to Christmas.

WOMEN END FORD STRIKE

By Our Industrial Staff

A STRIKE by 270 sewing machinists which halted Ford car production for more than a month and cost 10,000 laid off workers up to £700 in wages, ended yesterday.

The machinists, all but seven of them women, accepted a peace formula which will take their demand for re-grading to independent arbitration.

More than 45,000 vehicles, with a showroom value of almost £250 million, have been lost.

Independent chairman

In the deal negotiated between the company and the chief union negotiator at Ford, Mr Ron Todd, general secretary elect of the Transport and General Workers Union, a three man independent panel will assess the machinists' case for being upgraded.

The chairman will be agreed, and each side will nominate one member. The peace formula will mean that Ford will now pay a 7 per cent. rise for it 40,500 manual workers agreed in November.

TOMATIN WHISKY PLANT TO SHUT

By Our Commercial Correspondent

Tomatin distillers yesterday announced it is to close after five years of losses. It has one of the biggest distilleries in the Highlands, able to produce over 12 million litres of alcohol a year, but most of its 65 employees are at its London headquarters.

Tomatin has been a supplier of whisky to other distillers, rather than one marketing direct to the public. Falling sales have resulted in most firms making more use of their own malts, cutting down on buying from Tomatin.

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MONTE CARLO RALLY BACK ON AGAIN

The Monte Carlo rally, cancelled on Thursday was on again yesterday. The Automobile Club of Monaco said that the 53rd rally would begin Jan. 26.

Just 24 hours earlier, the club had said it was cancelling the competition because of a dispute with the French motor sport federation about fees for running parts of the rally that take place in France. The two clubs met yesterday and agreed to run the rally on 1984 terms.

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BE READY FOR STRIKE, RAIL UNION TOLD

By OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

MEMBERS of the National Union of Railwaymen have been warned by their leaders that they may have to strike "to save their industry" in 1985. In his New Year message Mr Knapp, general secretary, says: "Conflict may prove unavoidable."

He says he fears Government policies to cut public spending will hit the railway network, and strikes and other disruptive action may be the only way to fight back.

"So, unless our alternative strategy swings the pendulum back towards sanity, we may well have to turn to our members to save the industry. The storm clouds are gathering, and we can't wish them away."

But rebel railwaymen who have tried to leave the NUR to form a breakaway moderate union claim they have been told they must belong to either to the NUR or to the other recognised British Rail union, Aslef, and cannot leave.

Mr David Gladwin, a spokesman for the Federation of Professional Railway Staffs, which has about 1,500 members but is not recognised by BR, said a member of his federation in Derby had asked the management to stop deducting their union dues for the NUR from his pay packet.

'Condition of service'

A British Rail official in Derby had written to the employee drawing his attention to the fact "that at the present time it is a condition of service that British Rail employees must be members of a trade union recognised by the Board." He was also asked in the letter which union he belonged to.

Under the 1982 Employmenit Act all closed shop agreements lost their legal force unless confirmed by 80 per cent. of employees affected, in a secret ballot. BR has held no such ballot.

A British Rail Board spokesman said: "We cannot insist on anyone remaining in a trade union. We are having talks with trade unions about the end of the closed shop, and it is not correct that an employee should a union."

Three railwaymen who were dismissed by British Rail in 1976 for refusing to join a closed shop appealed successfully to the European Court of Human Rights.

In 1981 the Court ordered the British Government to pay the three a total of £145,000 in compensation and costs.

POST OFFICE UNION SEEKS NEW NAME

By STEPHEN WARD
Industrial Staff

THE Post Office Engineering Union, which is looking for a new name because it has fewer than a twelfth of its members working for the Post Office, is deeply split over what to call itself.

Its search for a title has been on since 1980 when British Telecom was hived off from the Post Office.

To the annoyance of the Telecom engineers, the Postal Workers' Union got in first to retitle itself with the most obvious choice, the Union of Communication Workers.

A consultancy hired to think of a name came up with the Association of Communications Employees, but this has been objected to because it lacks the word "union."

A cumbersome alternative favoured by some union leaders is the Communications and Information Services Union.

Open choice

There will be no formal recommendation to a conference in February which has to decide on a new name, but branches have been asked to send in their suggestions.

One has already suggested Postal Labourers and Engineers Brotherhood and Sisterhood (P L E B S), which would be unlikely to help the union in its attempt to recruit more widely in the private telecommunications sector.

MANAGERS 'MUST LEAD FROM FRONT'

By Our Business Correspondent

Managers were told by Sir Peter Parker, chairman of the British Institute of Management, yesterday to lead from the front and step up efforts to improve competitiveness next year.

Sir Peter, in a New Year message to the Institute's 75,000 members, said that improved competitiveness must be the organisation's "justified obsession."

There were outstanding examples of success in management and services, but the performance of many others had to be raised.

GO-AHEAD OVER NEWSPAPERS

United Newspapers, the newspaper and publishing group, was yesterday given the go-ahead by the Trade and Industry Department to take over the "free sheet" newspaper owned by the Yellow Advertiser Group.

The move is part of United Newspapers' £82·3 million takeover of Link House Publications which owns a 51 per cent. stake in the Essex-based Yellow Advertiser Group. Under the Fair Trading Act, certain transfers of newspaper ownership have to be referred to the Trade Secretary.

Tory anxiety over bus services plans

By JOHN PETTY Transport Correspondent

THE risk of another humiliating defeat for the Government is forcing the four transport ministers to travel the country to rally support for plans to end controls over local bus services.

Mr Ridley, Transport Secretary, has already had to delay two other key measures and his department is under severe criticism in several other areas.

A legal dispute made him postpone denationalisation of British Airways, while opposition by Conservative M Ps over Stansted being developed as the third London airport has made him shelve the Aviation Bill.

There is mounting Conservative anxiety over "complacency" by his department over the rapid decline of the Merchant Navy, and much criticism of the "weakness" of the current "don't drink and drive" campaign.

There are also complaints about failure to have adequate warning signs, lighting and service stations on new motorways, and doubts over some aspects of the policy towards British Rail.

Now the proposed Bus Bill is arousing opposition among many Conservatives in both the shire counties and urban areas. It is also angering many owner-driver taximen, many of whom have been Conservative voters.

The Bill will allow almost unfettered competition on local bus routes outside London. At present, only long-distance coaches are permitted to operate in this way.

It means cut-price operators will move on to profitable town routes, compelling existing operators to reduce their fares. But that means it will no longer be possible to maintain loss-making country routes out of profits on town services.

Many rural services are likely to disappear. And many local Conservative politicians fear there will also be chaos on town services.

One of the big fears is over safety of coaches. A "trial area" around Hereford resulted in several new operators coming into business, but two quickly had their buses ordered off the road on safety grounds.

Cut-price operators can pick up secondhand buses for £1,000, which compares with £60,000 to £70,000 for a new bus. Latest figures show that 30 per cent. of all independently owned buses fail to pass spot-checks by Transport Department inspectors, compared with 11 per cent. in the case of vehicles owned by National Bus or London Transport.

SEALINK UNION MEN ACCEPT DIEPPE DEAL

By Our Shipping oCrrespondent

Members of the National Union of Seamen have voted overwhelmingly at Newhaven to accept terms in which the British side of Sealink will pull off the route to Dieppe, leaving it entirely to the French.

The men involved will move to a route from Dover to Ostend. The deal includes relocation expenses in which married householders will get an allowance of £1,650 and others a payment of £1,000.

Legal and estate agent fees, including stamp duty, will be met up to a maximum of £5,500. Those who do not want to move home will get transport to work from Newhaven to Dover.

Those who decide to quit will get payment of £1,000 for each year served, plus £100 a month for part-years, up to a maximum tax-free £25,000.

Bargain hunting American tourists inspecting sweaters in Selfridges yesterday when they enjoyed the double advantage of the January sales and the increasing strength of the dollar against the pound.

HOSPITAL BRANCH 'TO SHUT'

By DAVID FLETCHER
Health Services Correspondent

THE Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital is planning to close one of its two London branches as an economy measure, although this will mean that not all its patients can be treated, it was disclosed yesterday.

The hospital, based on two sites, has long been planning to spend £2 million expanding its Gray's Inn Road branch so that its branch in Golden Square, Soho, can be closed.

But Bloomsbury Health Authority which is responsible for the hospital is facing a deficit of £4 million in the next financial year and is planning to go ahead with the closure of the Golden Square hospital without expanding facilities at the Gray's Inn Road site.

A meeting of the health authority has been called early in the New Year to decide whether to proceed with the closure, planned for February, to save the £1,100,000 a year running costs of the Golden Square hospital.

Mr Tim Matthews, Bloomsbury district administrator, said that the 40-bed Golden Square hospital treated 5,500 in-patients a year plus a further 10,000 out-patients.

He said: "The out-patient work can be accommodated at the Gray's Inn Road hospital with a certain amount of squeezing and difficulty and some minor rebuilding work.

"But it will not be possible to accommodate all the in-patients and we estimate we shall only be able to transfer 11 of the 19 operating sessions at present carried out at Golden Square."

Waiting time

Waiting time for appointments at Gray's Inn Road is already running at six months and this will inevitably increase if patients continue to be referred to the hospital.

Mr Matthews said: "It does not follow that the waiting list will increase pro-rata because G Ps may refer patients elsewhere.

"We very much regret the proposed closure of Golden Square without first expanding facilities at Gray's Inn Road but like other London health districts we are under tremendous financial pressure."

The Golden Square hospital occupies a prime site and its sale could raise several million pounds for the health authority if planning permission can be obtained for redevelopment.

NAT WEST RAISES INTEREST RATES

By Our Financial Correspondent

National Westminster bank yesterday announced increased interest rates on deposit and savings accounts to take effect from Tuesday. The bank will also start deducting tax at the new composite rate instead of paying interest gross.

The gross rate on three-month term deposits goes up from 9¼ to 9¾ per cent. and on six-month deposits from 9½ to 10 per cent. bonus saver and mortgage saver rates are unchanged.

PEKING'S PRAISE FOR THATCHER

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

China profusely thanked Mrs Thatcher yesterday for healing the "wound to the hearts of the people" allegedly caused by the 1842 Treaty of Nanking ceding Hongkong island to Britain in perpetuity.

Peking's most influential English-language publication, the REVIEW, described Mrs Thatcher as sagacious and realistic "with a stateswoman's foresight in judging the hour."

ITALIAN HOLIDAY

By Our Rome Correspondent

One hunderd children of striking British miners arrived in Rome and Bologna yesterday in two charter flights to spend a fortnight in the houses of Italian trade unionists.

Britain needs peaceful revolution, says Benn

By OUR POLITICAL STAFF

THE Labour movement has failed to change the power structure of Britain even when in office, and now faces a more formidable and deep-seated crisis than is generally realised, Mr Wedgwood Benn said yesterday.

Writing in Marxism Today, theoretical journal of the Communist party, Mr Benn argued that Britain needed a "comprehensive, peaceful and democratic revolution . . ." and that it must include equal changes within the Labour and trade union movement.

There was a need for Labour to recover its morale and self-confidence, with the lesson of 1984 being that "if you fight, you win, and if you fudge, you fail."

While this message was put in the abstract, it will be widely seen as criticism of Mr Kinnock whose failure to support the miners' strike outright has infuriated the "hard Left."

A rash of speculation that the Labour leader might face a Left-wing challenger for his job at the party's Bournemouth conference in September was ridiculed yesterday by Mr Martin Flannery, M P for Sheffield Hillsborough.

But Mr Flannery did state that there was "deep anger throughout the Labour movement at Mr Kinnock's distancing himself from the miners and the insulting remarks he has made at times about Mr Scargill."

Striking the same chord as Mr Benn, he said that the strikers needed Labour support to win their dispute, and that if they failed, "our chances of winning the next election are more remote than Mr Kinnock thinks."

Mr Benn, in his Marxism Today article, moved on from his condemnation of "fudging" to stress that Labour had to offer the prospect of "real change" prior to an election instead of running the risk of being swept out of office without making radical changes.

And he condemned the "self-deception" of those in the party who concentrated on attacking "Thatcherism" instead of putting forward clear alternative policies.

They seemed to believe, he said, that "to replace Thatcher and substitute an anti-Thatcherite government would itself be an adequate response to what we face."

Mr Benn continued: "If Thatcher was in truth the real problem, the Brighton bombers would have solved it for us. Yet all of us know that had she been the victim of an assassin, as Mrs Gandhi was, all our investment in building up Thatcher and Thatcherism would have been wasted.

"We would have had Tebbit and Tebbitism, or Pym and Pymism, and we would have squandered our efforts by trying to focus our criticisms against an individual."

Equal dissatisfaction with the current state of the Labour party, from a different point in the spectrum, is put forward in an anonymous article by a Labour M P in the latest issue of FORWARD LABOUR, a Centre-Left paper backed by several unions and some 15 M Ps.

Labour to start 'back to work' campaign

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

THE Labour party is waiting for the end of the miners' strike to launch a major "jobs and industry" campaign depicting it as the only political force able to tackle unemployment.

The campaign is designed not only to revive Labour's electoral fortunes, but also to persuade trade unionists to vote for the continuance of union funding for the party in the impending round of ballots.

For this latter reason the campaign has been planned to start in March. But the party leadership accepts that as long as the pit strike is in progress, it would be near-pointless to launch it in its full form.

Labour's ultimate nightmare is that the miners' strike would collapse amid recriminations in late July or in August, setting the stage for vitriolic exchanges at both the T U C and Labour party conferences.

The strategy for electoral recovery through exploitation of the unemployment issue relies considerably on a peaceful paty conference at which the message can be driven home as well as on the activity before then of the Labour supporters in the unions.

No hostility

In planning the campaign, a committee under Mr John Smith, Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, has drawn some highly critical lessons from the experience of the General Election, when what had seemed a certain vote-winner turned out not to be.

A severely-worded memorandum from Mr Smith on Labour's shortcomings then was "leaked" to the NEW STATESMAN, and to the amazement of the party leadership sparked no hostility or criticism from the Left of the kind they had been braced to expect.

A briefing on the campaign officially distributed within the party sets as its main task "to present the public with a credible economic and employment strategy that people will believe can put Britain back to work," and contrasts this with Labour's 1983 performance.

"There is abundant evidence that voters know that Labour had promised to reduce unemployment but did not believe that we could deliver," it says, "and saw unemployment as the main issue, but did not believe that there was any solution.

"The Jobs and Industry Campaign will present a set of clear images conveying the idea that Labour believes there is a political solution to the recession, and is preparing the foundations of a credible policy.

"If these images are retained in people's minds, then at the next General Election we will avoid the suspicion that Labour is putting forward a vote-catching formula behind which there is no real thought."

The campaign is given three objectives to increase voters' belief that Labour can handle the economy; to persuade the public that the economy is in a bad shape because of the Government; and to stress the relevance of the party to trade unionists.

"The party can never rely on the media for sympathetic coverage, nor do we have the resources to mount major publicity campaigns," says the briefing.

"But we do have a unique resource: the party membership and affiliated union membership. And if we can mobilise this resource we can get our message across."

EXPORTS RECORD

Exports in the Irish Republic have risen by more than a quarter this year to a record level, according to figures issued in Dublin yesterday. The rise of 27 per cent. exceeded the performance of all other E E C states.

BA MOVE MADRID FLIGHTS

By Air Cdre G. S. COOPER
Air Correspondent

BRITISH Airways is to resume flights from Heathrow to Madrid and Lisbon in the Spring to get back on an equal footing with the Spanish and Portuguese flag carriers.

Iberia and Air Portugal refused to obey the Government's directions in 1979 to move all Iberian services to Gatwick to relieve congestion at London's main airport. By 1980, B A had moved all its Iberian services to Gatwick.

The government White Paper on airline competition policy published in October recognised that the transfer had caused a considerable loss of profit for the State airline and gave B A permission to move its services to Madrid, Barcelona and Lisbon back to Heathrow on conditions that an equal number of flights was transferred to Gatwick.

Business travellers

B A has now decided to move to Heathrow the daily Lisbon service and 14 of the 20 flights a week between London and Madrid.

The flights carry a high proportion of business travellers, who prefer to use Heathrow because of its wider choice of connecting flights, said a B A spokesman.

Services to Malta and Venice will be transferred to Gatwick to balance the change.

B A's daily flights to Barcelona, Bilbao and Malaga, and two flights a week each to Faro, Oporto and Valencia, will continue to be flown from Gatwick.

AIRLINE STATES CASE

Air policy 'inconsistent'

Britain's refusal to let Singapore Airlines land at Manchester unless they drop a flight to Heathrow defeats the principle of fair competition, the airline claims in an open declaraton of its case.

It also claims Britain's air policy is inconsistent — supporting liberalisation in Europe, but practising protectionism elsewhere. Its services to Heathrow have been held at seven Boeing 747 flights a week since May 1976.

All change at Liverpool St

By JOHN GRIGSBY
Local Government Correspondent

THE Court of Common Council, the governing body of the City of London, is recommending a radical reorganisation of the traffic system round Liverpool Street.

It will affect the journeys of the thousands of people who arrive at the station every day.

The aim of the new system is "to improve the environment and road traffic safety," said the City Corporation. In essence the Corporation is recommending that the present one-way system should be reversed.

The move would be undertaken in conjunction with the redevelopment of Liverpool Street Station. The Corporation argues that the present system causes congestion and is unsafe for pedestrians.

Bus station

Under the new arrangements, the route between London Wall and Liverpool Street would be one way, south to north. The route between Old Broad Street and Liverpool Street would be one way east to west.

The proposed scheme has to be approved by the Greater London Council. The scheme is not expected to come into effect before 1986.

The new Liverpool Street development is expected to provide an extra 1·1 million square feet of offices, 29,000 sq ft of shops and 75,000 sq ft of community facilities and room for buses. A new bus station will be placed west of the Great Eastern Hotel, which is to be retained.

Norwegian tankers 'defying S. Africa oil embargo'

By JOHN PETTY Shipping Correspondent

THREE Norwegian tankers have illicitly delivered oil worth more than £500 million to South Africa in defiance of an international embargo, it is alleged by the Amsterdam-based Shipping Research Bureau.

One of them was the Thorshaven, under repair in Dubai after being set on fire by Iraqi warplanes last week after loading 250,000 tons of crude at the Kharg Island terminal in Iran.

"Between November, 1981, and the end of September, 1984, the Norwegian tanker-owner Thor Dahl transported at least 15 cargoes of crude oil to South Africa," says the Bureau in a report to the Norwegian Government.

"All crude oil cargoes were loaded in the Arabian Gulf area. Each oil-exporting country in that area has a policy that its oil should not be supplied to South Africa."

It involved 5,500,000 tons, but this is only a fraction of the 15 million tons a year South Africa is obtaining by secret deals with oil dealers and shipowners.

Shuttle service

The bureau gives a log showing that from the middle of 1985 the Thor Dahl tankers Thorsaga, Thorshavet and Thorsholm appeared to run a shuttle service to South Africa from the Arabian Gulf.

Most runs were by the 279,000-tonners Thorsaga and Thorsholm. The Thorshavet is 251,000 tons.

The deals were "surrounded by secrecy, with the identity of the oil traders not revealed, false destinations of cargo and tanker reported and calls at South African ports kept strictly secret."

The bureau was set up as an independent Dutch organisation in 1980 specifically to investigate ways in which South Africa gets supplies despite a widely-approved ban on deliveries of crude oil in protest at apartheid.

DRUG HAULS NO USE TO NHS

By T. A. SANDROCK
Crime Correspondent

ALTHOUGH Customs investigators and police have this year seized record amounts of drugs—including heroin and cocaine, both of which have a legitimate medical use — the Health Service cannot benefit from the hauls.

The drugs are destroyed because the purity levels are not high enough for medical use and the refining cost is higher than that of buying pure drugs.

Apart from court cases where drug samples are required as exhibits, the procedure is for seized drugs to be destroyed by burning as soon as possible.

Contraband narcotics must be held in secure conditions and escorted by Customs or police officers to establishments, in different parts of the country, which have special incinerators for destruction.

Burning supervised

The escorting officers supervising the burning ensure there is no residue.

Courts have powers under the Misuse of Drugs Act to decide what is to be done with drugs used as exhibits. This is, nowadays, an order for their destruction.

Small samples of drugs are kept by Customs and police for training Customs investigators and drug squad detectives and also for training dogs to search for hidden supplies.

Jobs plea by port chief

By JOHN PETTY
Shipping Correspondent

MORE than 12,000 householders are getting a letter from Mr Geoffrey Parker, chairman and managing director of the Port of Felixstowe, seeking support for more expansion to create an extra 1,100 jobs in the Suffolk docks.

He is trying to counter opposition by Mr Kent Weetch, Labour M P for Ipswich, to plans for a new Parliamentary Bill to extend the port's boundaries so that more marshland can be recovered. There has also been opposition from Trimley parish council.

Claim disproved

Mr Parker proposes planting 500,000 trees "to landscape the development and create new habitat for birds and other wildlife."

Felixstowe Docks, owned by European Ferries, is already recruiting another 90 dockers as the Dooley container terminal switches to three-shift working and the Landguard container terminal gets an extra crane.

It has just begun to turn its last available space into the new Trinity container terminal which will open in 1986 at a cost of £40 million and employ another 320 people.

The new Bill is for still further expansion which could cost up to £100 million and create another 1,100 permanent jobs.

"Critics of the Bill say jobs created in the port do not go to local people," say European Ferries. It has produced figures to disprove this.

Between 1979 and 1984, 49 per cent. of new jobs went to people in Felixstowe, Trimley and Kirton; 40 per cent. to people from nearby Ipswich and five per cent. to people from Woodbridge.

"Nearly 20 per cent. of new recruits were previously unemployed," said Mr Derek Kingston, head of personnel at the port.

JUDGE ORDERS TAKE-OVER OF POLY NUS CASH

By SARAH THOMPSON Education Staff

A RECEIVER has been appointed to take control of all payments from the funds of the students' union at the North London Polytechnic in an effort to prevent illegal donations being made.

At the request of the Attorney-General, Mr Justice Harman has ordered Mr Clive Sherling, a partner of Arthur Andersen, the chartered accountants, to take over the finances.

Earlier this month, the union announced a donation of £5,000 to striking miners and £5,000 to the Oxfam Ethiopian Famine Appeal.

The union's bank refused to cash one of the cheques and the other has not been presented.

Mr Sherling has been appointed after the students ignored a court injunction obtained by the Attorney General banning the payments.

'Judge concerned'

Mr Sherling said yesterday: "My duties are more like those of a trustee than a receiver in the normal sense. I have been ordered to make the union's accounts available to the Attorney General and to the students."

"The judge was very concerned that this should be set in context. The real question is to establish whether any charity can make payments for purposes outside its own organisation."

The student officers named in the Attorney General's application, Peter Ross, Peter Redman and Philip Brett, have been ordered to pay the costs of this week's High Court hearing from their own pockets. Costs are estimated at more than £2,000.

The Attorney General's claim that funds reserved for student purposes may not be used by the union for donations to other charities or for any other purpose is to be tested in a High Court action in the future.

MURDERED WOMAN SEEN BY HOSPITAL

By T. A. SANDROCK Crime Correspondent

POLICE investigating the murder of Miss Deirdre Sainsbury, 29, whose body was found at Denham, Buckinghamshire, on Sunday, have established that after leaving Dulwich about 1 p.m., she was seen near Guy's Hospital.

She had received treatment at the hospital for a mental disorder.

Police say Miss Sainsbury was near the hospital at about 3.45 p.m. on Saturday.

"We are still anxious for information from anyone who saw her, or anyone who looked like her, at any time after that," said a Thames Valley police spokesman.

Peace camp

Miss Sainsbury, wearing a green nylon anorak, baggy army-type trousers with patch pockets, and carrying a fully-packed canvas rucksack, was found near the 16th hole of Denham golf course. She was naked except for her socks, and had been battered about the head before being strangled.

Police believe she may have tried to hitch-hike to the Greenham Common peace camp which she had visited before. They know that she was a "wanderer" and arrived at homes of friends suddenly, looking for food and somewhere to spend the night.

Police cannot rule out that a stranger offered her food and accommodation, possibly after giving her a lift in his car. They are satisfied Miss Sainsbury was not killed at the golf course.

Body kept by daughter for 6 months

A DEVOTED daughter who kept her mother's death secret for six months was recovering in hospital yesterday.

Police believe Miss Hazel Whiting kept the body of her 90-year-old Mother, Ivy, at home after refusing to accept that she was dead.

Her secret was discovered when police broke into the house at Bridge Street, Framlingham, Suffolk, shortly before Christmas after neighbours raised the alarm.

A neighbour Mr Tony Goodwin said yesterday: "Mrs Whiting was in her bed when the police found her. The house was spotless and there was a Mother's Day card by the bed.

"It is very tragic. Hazel was devoted to her mother and gave up her job as a cleaner to care for her. When the old lady died, I suppose she just couldn't accept it."

Mr Goodwin added: "We became suspicious when there was only Hazel's washing on the line. Then she started to shut herself away. The curtains were always drawn and she wouldn't let anyone in. She refused all offers of help and handed out money for bills through a small window."

Miss Whiting, who is said to have no memory of her mother's death, is now in hospital in Ipswich, Suffolk. A police spokesman said an inquest would be held in the New Year.

REWARD OFFERED

Securicor is offering a £5,000 reward for the conviction of four men who attacked a security guard and robbed him of more than £8,000 in the Main Centre, Derby, on Saturday.

Seven-month-old Catherine McTiernan who was "as well as can be expected" yesterday after a life-saving liver transplant operation.

Pilot beats fog to set up baby's liver transplant

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

SEVEN-MONTH-OLD Catherine McTiernan, Britain's youngest liver transplant patient, was "as well as can be expected" at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, yesterday.

Her new liver had been rushed by air from Manchester.

But fog nearly cost the transplant team a chance to operate.

The air ambulance could not land at Cambridge Airport because of it and the weather also forced other airfields in the area to close.

Permission was finally given for the plane to land at RAF Wattisham, near Ipswich, 50 miles away.

As soon as the pilot knew he would be able to land, surgeons at the hospital began the first steps in the five-hour operation.

Suffolk and Cambridgeshire police then laid on escort cars to rush the liver by road.

Catherine, described as "desperately ill" before her operation, had a rare liver condition diagnosed when she was 10 weeks old.

After emergency surgery at Kings College Hospital, London, she appeared to be making a good recovery at her home in Norwich Road, Ipswich, but was taken to hospital again six weeks ago with pneumonia and a dangerously high temperature.

Appeal launched

Her parents, Brendan and Suzanne McTiernan, were told her only hope was treatment in America, and a £200,000 appeal was launched to fly her across the Atlantic.

Doctors warned, however, that she might not live long enough to make the journey and Prof Roy Calne and his team, who carried out the life-saving liver transplant operation on two-year-old Ben Hardwick agreed to operate on Catherine.

A hospital spokesman said: "Her condition has remained stable since midnight. She is as well as can be expected given the length and difficulty of the operation and the fact that she is so young and tiny."

Mr McTiernan said he and his wife knew the operation was Catherine's one hope.

"We owe her this chance of life. We were told she probably wouldn't have lived to reach America. She was likely to die at any time."

Courts 'fail to award enough compensation'

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

COURTS in some areas are failing to make proper use of their powers to order defendants to pay compensation to victims of crimes, claims Mr Michael Ogden, Q.C., the chairman of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

He is also concerned that levels of compensation laid down in guidance from the Magistrates Association are pitched too low compared with awards for similar injuries made by the Board.

Writing in the last issue of THE MAGISTRATE, the journal of the Magistrates Association, Mr Ogden says that compensation cases reaching the Board had indicated that some courts had failed to apply the stautory requirements to consider compensation laid down in the 1982 Criminal Justice Act.

He recalled that Mr Brittan, the Home Secretary, in giving evidence to the Commons Home Affairs Committee, had welcomed suggestions that recommendations to magistrates on compensation levels might be drawn up in consultation with the Board and distributed to courts by Home Office circular.

The intention behind the rule changes on comensation orders introduced by the 1982 Criminal Justice Act was that courts should make an order when appropriate to do so, said Mr Ogden.

Rule changes

"A sufficient number of cases have now reached the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board to enable it to be seen that some courts have not appreciated the nature of the changes and are not applying the new provisions."

For example, if th einjury which gave rise to a charge of actual bodily harm was a broken nose or a fractured jaw and a substantial fine but no compensatio norder was imposed in circumstances where there was no suggestion the victim was in any way to blame, it was plain that Parliament's intention had not been followed.

The Act provides that a compensation order may be made instead of dealing with an offender in any other way and that if an offender has insufficient means to pay both an appropriate fine and an appropriate compensation order, the latter should take preference.

Guidelines for compensation from the Magistrates' Association such as £150 to £400 for fractures of legs or ribs were far below the proper level of compensation that a civil court would award, says Mr Ogden.

If a defendant's means were such that he should pay less than a proper figure of compensation or nothing at all, then compensation would be less than a civil court would order no order would be made at all.

But if a defendant had a good job and was well able to pay a proper figure, albeit perhaps by instalments, there seemed no reason why he should not be ordered to do so.

Giving examples of some of the "starting figures" used by the Board when assessing compensation for lesser injuries, Mr Ogden quotes £700 for a broken nose requiring an operation and between £1,000 and £1,200 for the loss of two front teeth.

Compensation for scarring could vary widely but for serious scarring which could result from an exploratory operation after a stab wound in the stomach, the Board's starting point is £2,500. This takes into account the fact that the victim has undergone surgery under a general anaesthetic.

Limited means

Mr Geoffrey Norman, secretary of the Magistrates' Association, said he thought magistrates would welcome any assistance from the board over levels of compensation.

But he believed some of the figures suggested by the Board might be considered "quite unrealistic" when magistrates were trying to assess levels of compensation to be paid by defendants who were often of limited means.

The primary purposes of a magistrates court hearing was to deal with an alleged crime and the courts often did not have sufficient evidence to make a proper assessment of compensation.

The Association did not want to discourage courts from making compensation orders in appropriate cases by pitching levels of compensation so high that courts were deterred.

There was also a danger of trials in magistrates courts developing into civil contests if defendants sought to discredit complainants in order to mitigate the level of compensation which might be ordered against them.

CYCLE CRASH DEATH

A 20-year-old Jehovah's Witness, who fractured a leg on Christmas morning when his motorcycle crashed into a car in Norwich, has died in the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital after refusing a blood transfusion. An inquest on Gary Llewellyn, of City Road, Norwich, was formally opened last night.

£2,000 LEFT TO B.B.C. PRESENTER

Miss Gertrude Corke, of Maidstone, Kent, enjoyed the BBC television programme "Songs of Praise" so much that she left Mr Geoffrey Wheeler, its presenter, £2,000 in her will, published yesterday.

Miss Corke died in October, aged 89. She said the legacy was "in appreciation of the pleasure he has given to me in presenting 'Songs of Praise.'" Her estate is valued at £54,866 net.

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Tomorrow 30 Dec 7.30 p.m.	MAGGIE COLE harpsichord & lute harpsichord NIGEL NORTH lute £4·50, £3·50, £2·50, £2	J S Bach: Partita in D BWV828, Suite in G BWV995, Suite in B flat BWV 1010, Trio Sonata in F BWV530 Early Music & Baroque Series/Guitar & Lute Series Robert White Artist Management
Monday 31 Dec 7.30 p.m.	THE KING'S CONSORT dir. Robert King £6, £5, £4, £3 The King's Consort	A New Year's Eve Celebration: Monteverdi: Vespers for Christmas Day: Schütz: The Christmas Story
Wednesday 2 Jan 7.30 p.m.	RICHARD MARKHAM and DAVID NETTLE, two pianos £4, £3·20, £2·50, £1·80 Ron Gonsalves	Holst: The Planets: Robert Walker: Passacaglia (1st perf): Grainger: Fantasy on Gershwin's 'Porgy & Bess'
Thursday 3 Jan 7.30 p.m.	PETERBOROUGH STRING ORCHESTRA £4, £3·20, £2·50, £1·80	Mozart: Divertimento in F K138; Stravinsky: Concerto in D 'Basle'; Christopher Brown: Into the Sun (1st pf); Barber: Adagio; Britten: Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge Op.10
Friday 4 Jan 7.30 p.m.	BETH SPENDLOVE violin MICHAEL DUSSEK piano £4, £3·20, £2·50, £1·80 Jane Gray	Brahms: Sonatensatz; Poulenc: Violin Sonata; Maconchy: Six Miniatures; Mendelssohn: Violin Sonata in F minor Op.4; Berkeley: Elegy and Toccata Op.33 Nos. 2 & 3; Szymanowski: Fontaine d'Arethuse; Kreisler: Tambourin Chinois
Saturday 5 Jan 7.30 p.m.	MICHELE CAMPANELLA piano £4, £3·20, £2·50, £1·80 London Pianoforte Series	Clementi: Sonata in G Op.7 No.3; Mozart: Sonata in C minor K457; Beethoven: Sonata in E flat Op.31 No.3; Mussorgsky: Pictures from an Exhibition
Sunday 6 Jan 7.30 p.m.	EMMA KIRKBY soprano THE PURCELL QUARTET C. Mackintosh & E. Wallfisch vlns; R. Boothby cello/vla da gamba, R. Woolley hpschd	Vivaldi: Trio Sonata RV60: Cantata for soprano & basso continuo; Sonata Op.1 No.12: Rebel: Tombeau de M'Sieur Lully; Rameau: Cantata 'Le Berger fidèle' £5, £4, £3, £2 Sue Lubbock Conc Mgt

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Sunday 6 Jan 7.15 pm	KONSTANZE EICKHORST (piano) Bach Toccata and Fugue in D, BWV912; Brahms Sonata in C, Op.1; Mozart Twelve Variations on La belle Francoise; Beethoven Sonata in C minor, Op.111. £2, £3, £4 John Higham International Artists Ltd
Monday 7 Jan 7.45 pm	ALEXANDER BAILLIE (cello) PIERS LANE (piano) Prokofiev Sonata in C, Op.119; Schubert Sonata in A minor, D821 (Arpeggione); Takemitsu Orion for cello and piano, Franck Sonata in A. £2, £3, £4, £5 Erica Gottdard
Tuesday 8 Jan 7.15 pm	THE ROYAL BALLET (U) 132 mins Swan Lake (Act II), The Firebird, Ondine. A colour film made at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden in 1959 with Margot Fonteyn, Michael Somes, Members of The Royal Ballet. ALL SEATS £2 £1 for children/students/sen cit/unemployed GLC
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Friday 11 Jan 7.45 pm	RADU LUPU (piano) Beethoven Sonata in E, Op.109; Beethoven Sonata in A flat, Op.110; Schumann Fantasy in C, Op.17. £2.00, £4.00 Harrison/Parrott Ltd

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Sat. 19 Jan. 7.30 p.m.	BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Sir John Pritchard (conductor). Beethoven Overture Fidelio, Symphony No.8 in F: Strauss Ein Heldenleben.
Thurs. 24 Jan. 7.30 p.m.	POLISH NATIONAL RADIO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Antoni Wit (conductor), Jeremy Menuhin (piano). Strauss Don Juan, Brahms Piano Concerto No.1, Moussorgsky Pictures from an Exhibition.
Sat. 26 Jan. 7.30 p.m.	STUART BURROWS SINGS. BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra. Karita Mattila (Cardiff Singer of the World 1983).
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Tuesday 8 Jan. 7.30 p.m.	THE PARLEY OF INSTRUMENTS Roy Goodman, Peter Holman dirs. Taffel-Consort—A Banquet of English, French & Italian music from 17th century Germany. Programme includes Praetorius: Dances from Terpsichore; Farina: Capriccio Stravagante & music by Dowland, Bertali, Ferrabosco II, Johnson & Thomas Simpson. £4, £3, £2.

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English—Scholarship, R Mead, Weymouth GS; exhibitions, GDJ Stewart, Huddersfield New C, AE Sim, Edinburgh Acad.

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Natural Science—Scholarships, Julie D Pilliner, Peter Symond's C, Winchester (Physics); IJ Brockbank, Loughborough GS (Engineering Science); AD Mase, King Edward's S, Birmingham (Engineering Science); KA Relton, Ilford County HS (Engineering Science); RT Carter, Abingdon S (Chemistry).

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Philosophy, Politics, Economics—Theobald Scholarship, TH Bingham, Winchester; Newman Scholarship, JB Rey, Kingsway Princeton Coll of FE; Deakin Scholarship, J Telio, Oakham S; Hill Scholarship, S Twigg, Southgate Comp S, Barnet.

Philosophy and Modern Languages—Instrumental Exhibition, B Adam, Winchester; Higgs Exhibition, RJG Sykes, Marlborough C.

Chemistry—Brackenbury Scholarship, IJ Bush, Uppingham; Williams Exhibition, GP Quarry, Highgate S.

Engineering Science—Lubbock Exhibition, Gillian F Marshall, Alice Ottley S.

Mathematics—War Memorial Exhibition, C Lavin, Portsmouth HS.

Mathematics and Philosophy—Hall Scholarship, LD Griffin, St Albans S.

Physics—Nonal-Jones Scholarship, JC Giddings, Roundwood Pk S; Theobald Scholarship, AM Rigby, Arnold S; Jowett Exhibitions, PJ Edwards, Dr Challoner's GS, Amersham and JM Thompson, Skinners' S.

Physiological Sciences—Mount-Jones Scholarship, MJA Wilson, King Edward's S, Birmingham.

KEBLE

Classics: Scholarship, JM Richens, St Francis Xavier S, Liverpool; Exhibition, HF Cox, Dulwich C.

Modern Languages: Scholarship, GT Smith, Repton.

History: Exhibitions, C Vecchione, John Lyon S; Miss BA Rodriguez, Kingston Coll of FE.

English: Scholarship, Miss AM Owen, Westminster.

Theology: Exhibitions, CM Ward, Sherborne; RL Simpson, St John's S, Leatherhead.

Music: Scholarship, Miss JA McCormick, Farnborough Hill S.

Law: Scholarship, M Bailey, Bodmin Comp S; Exhibition, SJ Urquhart, Glasgow Academy.

Philosophy, Politics, Economics: Scholarships, Miss GN Paull, Eaton S, Norwich, WHJ Blanchard, King's Coll S, Wimbledon; Exhibition, Miss RA Russell, St Brendan's VI Form C, Bristol.

Geography: Scholarship, WB Lister, Ermysted's GS, Skipton; Exhibition, JEB Cope, St John's S, Leatherhead.

Mathematics: Exhibitions, MJ Bartlett, France Hill S, Camberley; S Briggs, Kenilworth S; AK Howe, Aylesbury GS.

Physics: Exhibition, MA Lancaster, St Mary's S, Blackpool; Scholarships, Miss SA Lean, Wells Cathedral S (for 1986), JE Morris, King Edward's S, Birmingham; JEF Oliver, Portsmouth GS (CEGB).

Chemistry: Scholarship, WP Collis, Nottingham HS; Exhibitions, GJ Pickup, Nunthorpe GS; RW Freer, King Edward's S, Bath.

Biology: Scholarship, R Chatterjee, Taunton S.

Medicine: Exhibitions, MT Clarke, William Hulme's S, Manchester; Miss NM Bailey, S Wilts GS, Salisbury.

Engineering: Exhibitions, DR Kerner, Harrow; I Cowlishaw, Hitchin Boys' S.

ST CATHERINE'S

Scholarships — Chemistry: P Bew, Community C, Ivybridge.

Mathematics—SR Brindle, St Albans S, NKD Brisley, Bristol Cathedral S, and RG Britten, King's S, Macclesfield.

Biochemistry—Miss SA Copeman, St Joseph's Convent, Reading.

Physics—TJ Cosgrove, Tiffin S, Kingston-upon-Thames.

Modern History—IAG Garrett, Chislehurst and Sidcup GS.

Metallurgy—AM Kewney, Ripon GS.

Biochemistry—Miss CM Livingstone, Howell's S, Llandaff.

Jurisprudence—RK McNeil, Robert Gordon's C, Aberdeen.

Modern Languages — JHN Potter, Manchester GS, and TJ Rice-Jones, King's College S, Wimbledon.

Physics—Z Sklar, Luton VI Form C.

Geography—RH Walker, Bolton S.

Chemistry — PH Whitehurst, Manchester GS.

Philosophy, Politics, Economics—E Yini, Gresham's S, Holt.

Exhibitions—Experimental Psychology, MJ Adshead, Bradford GS.

Modern History—PC Berriman, Manchester GS; Pure and Applied Biology, Miss SFG Greer, Down HS, Downpatrick.

Geography—DP Lee, Richard Huish VI Form C, Taunton.

Modern Languages — Miss SB Park, Belvedere HS.

Physics—DM Phelan, Mossland S, Wallasey; CM Richards, St Olave's S, Orpington.

Modern History—SC Rowe, Rydal S.

Modern Languages—Miss A Wilkinson, Helsby HS.

HERTFORD

Literae Humaniores, exhibition: DJ Conybeare, Bristol Cathedral S (for 1986).

English Language and Literature, scholarships: NM Groom, Bedford Mod S; CL Lloyd, Lawrence Sheriff S, Rugby. Exhibition: SP Matthews, Simon Balle S, Hertford.

Geography, exhibitions: CJ Brown, Sevenoaks S, and RJ Seymour, Altrincham Boys' GS.

Mathematics, exhibitions: RS Briggs, Harrow Weald VI Form C, and C Head, Ashford S.

Modern History, scholarship: GI Popkins, Wetherby HS, W Yorks; exhibition, DC Buswine, Sevenoaks S.

Modern Languages, scholarship: SJ Harvey, Solihull VI Form C; exhibition, YM Mann, Worcester VI Form C; RS Mott, Guildford RGS (French and Linguistics); MA Walker, Manchester GS.

Natural Science, chemistry, scholarship; DM Walker, Bishop Wordsworth's S, Salisbury; engineering science, scholarship, JH Davies, Stand C, Manchester; exhibition, JG Bamm, Loughborough GS; engineering and economics, scholarship, CW Birkle, Radley; engineering, economics and management, exhibition, RN Hughes, Harrow Weald VI Form C; physiological sciences, scholarship, TP McFarlane, Xaverian C, Manchester; Philosophy, politics, economics, scholarship, KW Jones, St Swithun's S, Winchester; exhibition, JE Turpin, Sevenoaks S.

ST JOHN'S

Classics scholarships: PJW Moore, Guildford RGS, Henrietta PC Perham, Rugby, Karen L Rudyard, Qu Anne's S, Reading, and IJ Sturges, Sevenoaks S.

History exhibition: ME Penton-Voak, Stamford S.

Modern Languages — scholarships: JP Burkem, Trinity Sq, Croydon, and Ann M Waters, Ursuline Conv S, Westgate-on-Sea.

English—scholarships: BJ Hinchliff, Radley and Caroline L Samuels, King's S, Canterbury.

Mathematics — scholarships: MT Roney, Colchester RGS and Pauline A Stoddart, Perse Girls' S, Cambridge (Mathematics and Philosophy).

Exhibition: AI Brown, Sir George Monoux S, Walthamstow.

Natural Science, scholarships—DO Cobley, Cardinal Newman S, Hove (Physics), CJ Bell, Clifton C, Bristol (Physics), ANS Hampton, Reading (chemistry) AFC Kilo, Repton (Medicine), MJ Seaman, Christ's Hosp, Horsham (Chemistry), Henrietta K Wallace, Edinburgh Academy (Human Science), DCJ Walters, Cheltenham GS (Chemistry), and PD Wilson, Warwick S (Engineering, economics and management); exhibitions, Rebecca M Jeffries, Marlborough C (Physics), MAH Spence, Chew Valley S, Bristol (Engineering, economics, management), and JM Vleck, Mill Hill School (Engineering).

Geography, scholarship—Sophie C Pedder, S Hampstead HS.

Jurisprudence: exhibition—EG Sinnett, King Edward's S, Birmingham.

Theology, exhibition—Louise J Elliott, SS Helen and Katharine S, Abingdon.

Oriental Studies: scholarship—FP Barber, Brown and Brown Tutors, Oxford.

CHRISTCHURCH

Classics—scholarships, NE Evans-Lombe, Eton; NR Livingstone, King Edward VI Camp Hill Boys' S, Birmingham (Marjoribanks); DCE Tyrer, St Paul's S; exhibition, GWB Todd, Sedbergh.

History—scholarship, CPH Short, King's S, Canterbury (St Cyres); exhibitions, OCT Holt, King's S, Macclesfield, Miss T Kindersley, Marlborough, RP Madden, Loughborough GS.

Modern Languages—scholarships, WR Woodm, Birkenhead S; PJR Whicker, Stowe S (English and Modern Languages); exhibitions, Miss TR Fox, Withington Girls' S, Manchester. Mathematics Scholarship, D Baynes, Marlborough; TFJ Birchall, Burnley VI Form Centre; THR Roberts, Westminster; exhibitions, HP Stott, Millfield S.

Natural Science—scholarships, PA Chantry, King's S, Canterbury (Chemistry); YKH Lau, Rossall S (Engineering Science); T Schneider, Bradfield C (Physics); JFP Swift, Hills Road VI Form C, Cambridge (Chemistry); exhibitions, Miss LE Bullard, Marlborough (Smith—Biology); AJ Clayton, Worth S (Smith-Experimental Psychology). PG Edwards, Canford S (Smith — Biochemistry); OB James, St Paul's (Smith—Physics).

Geography—Scholarship: SG Owen, Exeter S.

Music — Instrumental Scholarship: Miss CJ Wigg, Tonbridge Girls' GS; Instrumental Exhibition: TR Jones, Porth County Comp S.

Philosophy, Politics, Economics — Exhibitions: R Haggis, King's Coll S, Wimbledon; SJ Hopper, Durham S; NJ Owen, King's S, Worcester.

Law—Exhibitions; JES Hand, Oundle; JH Thorne, Bishop Wordsworth's S, Salisbury.

ST EDMUND HALL

English. — Scholarship: LL Davey, Sedbergh; Exhibitions: Miss TCM Stobbs, Charterhouse; Miss JJ Willis-Bund, Headington S, Oxford.

Modern Languages.—Exhibition: Miss EC Palmer, Rosebery S, Epsom.

Philosophy, Politics, Economics. — Scholarship: CR Richards, Douai S; Exhibitions: Miss TD Ashby, Repton; Miss A Fletcher, Oxford HS.

Mathematics. — Scholarship: CE Beattie, Christ's Hosp; Exhibition: AJ Ashelford, King Edward's S, Bath; PJ Gladen, Sir Joseph Williamson's Math S.

Modern History. — Exhibition: JA Akeroyd, Moulsham HS.

Music.—Scholarship: LC Goss, King's S, Canterbury.

Natural Science. — Scholarship: AW Fogarty, Weston Favell Upper S (Medicine); EJ Maran, Glenalmond C (Engineering, CEGB); CA Sentance, Bexley GS (Engineering); CJ Wilkins, Monmouth S (Medicine). Exhibitions: S Goodyear, Worth S (Engineering); PA Harding, Totton C (Physics, CEGB); JP Lindsay, Sevenoaks S (Metallurgy-Armourers & Braziers); AJ O'Connor, Midhurst GS (Physics).

ST HUGH'S

English, Scholarships: Elizabeth A Graham, Rosebery S, Epsom; Annabelle J Smith, St James's Tutors, London.

Mathematics: Elizabeth J. Whiteley, Qu Elizabeth GS, Blackburn.

Mathematics and Philosophy: Sarah NA Tory, Sherborne Girls' S.

Physics: Nitbiarani Rajasingham, Headington S, Oxford.

Exhibitions, English, Andrea M Jones, Caerleon Comp S, Gwent.

Engineering Sciences: Angela A Robinson, Cheltenham Ladies' C.

Geography: Alison L Winkley, Bury Girls' GS.

Music: Pamela S Allen, John Cleveland C, Leicester.

History: Jane E Varley, High Wycombe HS.

Experimental Psychology: Laura M Haddad, Ilford Ursuline HS.

Modern Languages: Emma R. Dinwiddy, Sir William Perkins S, Chertsey.

Mathematics: Karen L Henderson, Haybridge HS, Hagley, Stourbridge.

Biochemistry: Emma J Plummer, Lady Verney HS, High Wycombe and Rachel L Williams, Stockport GS.

Instrumental Award: Julia E Gosling, Furze Platt Comp S, Maidenhead (to read English).

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CIVILIAN TRIAL FOR ARGENTINA JUNTA CHIEFS

By CRISTINA BONASEGNA in Buenos Aires

MEMBERS of Argentina's former military juntas will be tried by a civilian court for their responsibility for widespread human rights violations.

This development follows a Supreme Court ruling on Thursday night which put an end to a jurisdiction struggle between military and civilian courts over the issue.

President Raul Alfonsin brought the charges against members of three of the juntas that ruled Argentina between 1976 and 1983 shortly after he took office a year ago.

Two former military presidents and three other junta members are being held under preventative arrest in the investigation into the 10,000 people who have disappeared.

"The trial of the juntas will be fast and spectacular," said Emilio Mignone, a human rights campaigner yesterday. "It will be open to the public and sentences could be passed as early as March."

Justice reform

Under a reform of the military Code of Justice, introduced by Alfonsin, the charges against nine former junta members were transferred to the Federal Chamber of Appeal on Oct. 2, after the highest military tribunal in the country apparently refused to pass sentence.

However, the Supreme Court ruling, which backs up the Military Code reform, is not expected to set a precedent in investigations into human rights abuses against other officers, including Navy Lt-Cdre Alfredo Astiz.

Astiz is being tried by a civilian court on charges of wounding and abducting a Swedish-Argentine girl, Dagmar Hagelin, in 1977 and of taking her to an illegal detention centre at the Navy Mechanics School in Buenos Aires where she was last seen alive some days afterwards.

Law chief's view

But the federal solicitor recently said that he felt Astiz's case should be transferred to a military court.

Under the reformed military Code of Justice, the Armed Forces' Supreme Council is the proper court for crimes committed by military personnel on duty.

Although the judge handling the Astiz case is expected to express his intention to continue the investigations next week, the Federal Chamber of Appeal and the Supreme Court are likely to order the case to be transferred to the military court, human rights campaigners said.

"If this happens the Astiz case won't return to the civilian court until 1986 and a definite sentence will have to wait until then," one campaigner added.

Falklands separation plan 'only an idea'

By DAVID ADAMSON Diplomatic Correspondent

A CONSTITUTIONAL proposal for the separation of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands from the Falklands was still only an "idea" which had yet to be decided on, a Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday.

He was commenting on a report that the Falkland islanders feared the separation of the dependencies would make it easier for Britain at some future date to reach an agreement on the Falklands with Argentina.

The islanders' anxieties were increased by the visit earlier this month of Mr David Thomas, Foreign Office Assistant Under-Secretary, following the circulation of copies of a new constitution.

He is reported to have said that the decision to sever the dependencies was made by the Cabinet in 1982.

1982 statement

A Foreign Office spokesman referred yesterday to a Commons statement by Mrs Thatcher in April, 1982, after the Argentine invasion, that the administration of the dependencies from Port Stanley was purely a "matter of convenience."

In its report earlier this month the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee said it had no difficulty in concluding that Argentine claims to South Georgia and the South Sandwich islands were without foundation.

On the other hand, it was unable to reach a "categorical conclusion" on the rival claims to the Falkland Islands.

However, the Labour Government in 1977 tacitly conceded that the Argentine claim had some validity. It agreed to hold negotiations which would cover future political relations, including sovereignty, with regard to the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich islands.

In a statement it looked forward to the creation of "a framework for Anglo-Argentine economic co-operation which will contribute substantially to the development of the islands and the region as a whole.

Attempts to restart talks have been concerned with the Falkland Islands only and it is extremely unlikely that the Government would agree to extend them to the dependencies.

While the Government would like to negotiate an agreement on the Falklands it is committed to any agreement being acceptable to the islanders.

THATCHER 'ARROGANT' ON ISLANDS

By Our Buenos Aires Correspondent

ARGENTINA's Foreign Minister, Senor Dante Caputo, described as "arrogant" Mrs Thatcher's assurance that the Falkland islanders' wish to remain British would always come before Argentine claims over the South Atlantic archipelago.

Senor Caputo reacted angrily to Mrs Thatcher's Christmas broadcast to the islands, saying that her statements "are almost typical of an ever-shrinking empire that never ceases decaying."

Speaking on Thursday night the Foreign Minister said he was confident that "sooner or later" Argentina would recover the islands over which both countries battled for seven weeks in 1982.

"I believe that Mrs Thatcher can talk about what she will do during her government, but to intend to set the course of history by saying "always," seems to me an act of arrogance," he declared.

Hard task

Senor Caputo re-affirmed that his country would continue waging a diplomatic battle to have its claim over the Falklands recognised. This he described as a "difficult and hard" task.

Negotiations between Argentina and Britain over the future of the islands are deadlocked over the issue of sovereignty.

"Argentina had a just title (to the islands), a legitimate government pressing for this title, and history itself backing it up," the Foreign Minister added.

RUSSIA TESTS MODEL SPACE SHUTTLE

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

Russia is testing a model Space shuttle but is unsure whether it could be economical, Academician Roald Sagdeev, head of the Soviet Space Research Institute, told a Moscow news conference yesterday.

He confirmed that a test on Dec. 19, in which "artificial earth satellite Cosmos-1614" orbited the Earth and splashed down in the Black Sea was a shuttle test.

The Australian Navy has twice photographed a Soviet mini-shuttle test craft, wedge-shaped like the American shuttle but only about 10ft long, being retrieved from the Indian Ocean.

KING FREES 195

By Our Kathmandu Correspondent

King Birendra of Nepal yesterday granted amnesty to 195 prisoners to mark his 40th birthday. A two-mile procession went to the palace to offer greetings to the King.

BULGARIA TRIP FOR CHERNENKO

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

Warsaw Pact leaders, expected to include President Chernenko on his first trip abroad as Kremlin chief, will hold a summit meeting in Bulgaria in mid-January.

The Sofia gathering will follow disarmament talks in Geneva between the Soviet and American foreign ministers. It will be the first summit since the seven-member alliance met in Prague in January, 1983.

600 REBELS KILLED

Sudanese armed forces have killed 600 rebels in fierce fighting over the past two days in the southern Sudan district of Fertak-Maleek, 115 miles north of Juba. At least 18 soldiers were killed, an army spokesman said.—U P I.

Indian officials sorting ballot papers in New Delhi yesterday when counting began in the world's largest democratic election in which 379 million people were eligible to vote. Newspaper-size ballot papers were necessary for the East Delhi constituency which fielded 42 candidates.

POLAND'S 'UNIQUE' TRIAL

By Our Diplomatic Staff

THE open trial of undercover policemen accused of murdering Father Popieluszko is unique in post-war Soviet-bloc history and a measure of the degree to which the Polish State has become accountable to the nation.

It would be unthinkable for a similar trial to take place anywhere else in the East bloc, except as a showpiece for propaganda reasons.

Poland has emerged from more than a year of military rule and the often violent suppression of political opposition during which most forms of civil liberty were suspended, as a Communist country still out of step with its allies.

The 18-month Solidarity era has left behind a climate in which the State is obliged to acknowledge the necessity of bringing its most trusted servants to account for a crime which in Moscow, Sofia or Bucharest would never even have been publicly announced, let alone publicly punished.

It is the very nature of General Jaruzelski's relatively "liberal" dictatorship that moved the hardline Marxist policemen to instigate their crime and led to their being tried in public.

Moscow baffled

Behind the crime lie suggestions of Stalinist-inspired political schemes to destabilise the country enough for Moscow to step in and replace Gen. Jaruzelski with a firmer hand.

The extraordinary complexity of the trial occasionally places Solidarity activists and the Government on the same side in calling for calm after Father Popieluszko's murder and in demanding strict justice for the killers.

The Kremlin cannot quite understand what is going on in Poland but, so long as the general appears to be the only person able to run the nation, is willing to put up with almost anything except open public opposition.

Poland has never been—and probably never will be — a nation capable of being assessed on the same terms as its Communist neighbours.

As Mr Rifkind, Foreign Office Secretary of State, said during his visit to Poland last month, even under martial law it has one of the better human rights records in Eastern Europe.

TURKEY AND RUSSIA FAIL TO AGREE

By Our Ankara Correspondent

Because of political disagreements Turkey and Russia did not issue a joint communique at the end of two-day official visit by Mr Tikhonov, the Soviet Prime Minister, to Ankara. This was announced by most Turkish papers yesterday, following Mr Tikhonov's departure.

The Istanbul daily HURRIYET said Cyprus, international terrorism, and Turkish-Greek problems were the main issues that Turkey failed to find "acceptable terms" with the Soviet Union. Russia wanted to emphasise nuclear weapons and "crisis in the world."

According to Foreign Ministry sources the main source of disagreement was their understanding of terrorism. Turkey's refusal to support Soviet-sponsored condemnation of state terrorism in the United Nations prevented Mr Tikhonov from making any public statement, said one Turkish diplomat.

FEARS FOR LIFE OF SCHARANSKY

By Our Jerusalem Correspondent

Concern that the health of Anatoly Scharansky, the Jewish Soviet activist, may have seriously deteriorated was expressed yesterday by his wife, Avital, who said he had been transferred to hospital from a labour camp in the Urals.

Mrs Scharansky, who is in Israel, said she had learned of her husband's illness from her mother-in-law who had telephoned from Moscow. She feared for her husband's life because of reports that Jewish activists were molested because of their political convictions.

Year of EEC progress after Budget deal

By ALAN OSBORN Common Market Correspondent

A MOOD of striking optimism enfolds the Common Market as it enters 1985, not least because it will be the first year since 1978 not dominated by the British EEC budget problem.

Britain has promised a new tough, but constructive, approach to Community problems.

This was signalled by the appointment of Lord Cockfield, and Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, as the two new British Commissioners in Brussels, which has raised hopes that the New Year will mark the start of a fresh period of realism and progress for the EEC.

By most measures, the outgoing EEC Commission, under the presidency of M. Gaston Thorn of Luxembourg, has been a disappointment. Its four-year term of office witnessed a gradual slide in the political authority bequeathed to it by the Roy Jenkins's Commission in 1981.

Although several individual commissioners distinguished themselves, the impression remains that it was the EEC member-governments themselves who produced and acted on the initiative that finally yielded a reasonable balance sheet for the past four years.

In particular, the French and Irish governments, who held the EEC presidency in 1984, might justifiably claim the major credit for these real, if somewhat messy, breakthroughs, particularly on the budget but also in respect of enlargement negotiations with Spain and Portugal, relations with the developing countries and the new drive to open up the internal market between member countries.

In no way can the Italian Government, which takes over the presidency for the first half of 1985, be said to inherit a clean sheet.

Imaginative leadership

But there is a strong feeling that the problems still hanging over the budget and the enlargement negotiations are largely technical and could swiftly yield to an application of imaginative leadership from the new Commission in Brussels under M. Jacques Delors, the former French finance minister.

The outstanding achievement of 1984—as, indeed, of the past four years, was the three-part agreement reached at Fontainebleau in June on the EEC's finances.

Under the new regime, Britain will no longer have to beg or threaten, year after year, for a budget rebate. It will be automatically provided, if not quite on the scale the Government would have liked.

Fontainebleau also gave the go-ahead for an increase in the EEC's annual revenues from member - governments thus averting the possibility that Community policies might wither for lack of money from next year.

Finally, and possibly most important of all, the agreement introduces a measure of discipline over EEC spending for the first time. Finance ministers will in future establish annual cash limits within which EEC policies will have to be accommodated. With special, strict controls over farm spending, the move marks the end of the Common Agricultural Policy in its present open-ended form.

Cheap wine deal

The other main triumph for 1984 was the agreement among the Ten on the terms they are prepared to offer Spain and Portugal on their entry into the Community, scheduled for the beginning of 1986; in effect what this means is that France an Italy have been persuaded to accept a policy that provides for Spanish producers of cheap wine to enter community markets, posing potentially serious threats to existing EEC producers.

A more serious problem is the threat raised by Greece to veto the enlargement unless a hugely expensive programme to compensate Mediterranean regions for the consequences of Spanish entry is first agreed.

Mrs Thatcher said at the Dublin summit that the Greek demands — for the major share of a £4 billion aid programme, were "out of the question." It will be the first major challenge for the new Delors' Commission in Brussels to come up with a new Mediterranean aid programme capable of meeting the Greek demands without affronting British and German budget sensitivities.

M Delors and his new team in Brussels also have the problem of how to conduct day-to-day business on the basis of a restricted budget. Following the European Parliament's rejection of the 1985 budget just before Christmas, the Commission is authorised to spend each month no more than one-twelfth of 1984 spending.

Compromise needed

This will create no immediate headaches since the large payments to farmers — who absorb two-thirds of all EEC spending — are not due until the Spring. But, sooner or later, a compromise will have to be reached with the Parliament.

The mood in Brussels is, in fact, one of remarkable confidence that both the budget and the enlargement problems can be settled before the Milan summit in June.

Both these issues are the subject of special committees due to report to the March summit in Brussels. They contain within them matters of the gravest importance as well as relatively trivial affairs.

Among the former are the powers of the European Parliament, the extension of the EEC treaties to include defence questions and—above all—the question of majority voting by EEC ministers in an effort to outlaw the use of national vetoes.

Bonn confidence high

By MICHAEL FARR in Bonn

THE West German economy, Europe's strongest, is set for steady growth in the New Year, bolstered by booming exports and mounting business confidence.

After more than two years in office and more than his share of political banana skins, Chancellor Kohl is determined to make capital of the successes on the economic front and has repeatedly referred to them in recent interviews.

The chancellor notes that West Germans are entering the New Year with more confidence than for years. This is borne out by the latest opinion poll by the respected Allenbach Institute which shows that 55 per cent. are "hopeful," a jump from 45 per cent. a year ago.

Record trade surplus

Dr Kohl bases the optimism on the fact that the economy is growing again, that prices have returned to the stability of the 1960s and that public finances have been "put back in order."

With inflation down to two per cent. in December and an estimated 2·4 per cent. average for the year as a whole compared with 3·3 per cent. in 1983, and a record trade surplus in prospect for 1984 in the wake of rapid export growth, economists tend to agree with the assessment of Chancellor Kohl.

Some end of year economic reports anticipate a rise in real economic growth next year of up to three per cent. after 2·5 per cent. this year.

The Association of German Industry, the equivalent of Britain's CBI, sees increasing investment and exports resulting in "strong impulses extending well into 1985."

But for all the cheer on the economic front, unemployment is still proving problematic and is likely to remain well above the two million mark in 1985.

Latest forecasts predict average unemployment of around 2,227,000 next year, little changed on 1984, with redundancies expected in the building sector and in the steel industry.

CAMBODIA REBELS POUNDED

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

IN a stiffly worded communique last night, China denounced Vietnam for "acting like criminals" in assault on the stronghold of a main guerrilla force at Ampil, Cambodia, a few hundred yards from the border with Thailand.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman in Peking called on Hanoi to "stop slaughtering innocent people" in Cambodia.

Reports from the battle-zone indicated that the Vietnamese were preparing a major ground attack on the command headquarters of a Peking ally, the Khmer Peoples' National Liberation Force.

Artillery pounded the area with shells and mortars yesterday as an estimated 23,000 civilians huddled at the rear of the camp ready for a swift escape across an anti-tank ditch forming the frontier with Thailand.

More than 100,000 refugees have sought haven in Thailand since the latest offensive against border camps began. Western diplomats said that the fall of Ampil would deal a great psychological blow to the guerrilla forces who have fought the Vietnamese for six years.

Last camp

Ampil is the last major frontier resistance camp to stay intact since the dry season offensive began last month. Three days ago, Soviet T-54 tanks were used to crush rebels at Song Samet, 16 miles away.

The Vietnamese military operation, which began on Nov. 18, appears to be the most

ferocious yet to be directed against the guerrillas since Hanoi ousted the infamous Pol Pot regime in December 1978, replacing it with the Heng Samrin government.

Since then, Hanoi has maintained an estimated 150,000 to 170,000 troops in the former Cambodian homeland of Peking's great ally, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, who now heads one of the main resistance groups.

The latest attacks are being portrayed by Hanoi as "a punishment" which was vital to assure the "security" of the Cambodians.

SINGAPORE IS LATEST TO QUIT UNESCO

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Singapore has unexpectedly become the first Third World country to announce its withdrawal from UNESCO, the Paris-based U.N. educational, scientific and cultural organisation which has been accused by Western nations of inefficiency and pro-Soviet bias.

A spokesman for Singapore's foreign ministry said the decision, which will take effect in a year's time, was based on financial considerations. The country's contribution to UNESCO had increased by 400 per cent. since 1976 while contributions from Communist states had either remained static or been reduced.

The United States withdraws on Monday, taking with it its 25 per cent. contribution to the organisation's annual budget. Britain and West Germany recently gave a year's notice of their withdrawals.

15 DEATH SENTENCES

The Jordanian Government has approved death sentences on 15 people convicted of selling their property on the Israeli-occupied West Bank to Israelis, the official Jordanian news agency Petra reported yesterday.—Reuter.

Gandhi's landslide victory precedes formidable task

By DAVID GRAVES in New Delhi

AS Rajiv Gandhi stood poised to win a landslide Indian election victory last night, the next major test facing him is seen as the most formidable crisis confronting the country since independence in 1947.

Increasing domestic and international problems provided an unsettled backdrop to the election.

The 40-year-old Prime Minister undoubtedly benefited from an overwhelming sympathy factor after the assassination of his mother but his Congress (I) party also gained from the lack of a credible alternative posed by a bitterly divided opposition.

Now he will be expected to be far tougher with future separatist demands and unrest in the Punjab and Assam, where no polling took place, and also in the north-eastern border regions where armed insurgents are active.

Dangerous course

The growing feeling in many states that they should have a bigger share of power, a legacy of Mrs Gandhi's inflexibility and an excessively centralised administration, would seem to have diminished since her death and her son's emergence.

He will now lead India along a testing, if not dangerous, course over the next five years.

Behind him will be the so-called "computer boys," a team of former school friends, associates and confidantes—many of whom have left top executive roles in private industry to advise the young Prime Minister on political and economic trends.

Border tensions

Despite the technological "new world" Mr Gandhi has promised he will still have the most pressing domestic and international issues to tackle.

There are still glaring contradictions between the secular ideals which Mahatma Gandhi had enshrined in the constitution and the realities of communal, caste and regional divisions. Nearly half of the 730 million population are living under the poverty line and 60 per cent. are still illiterate.

In international affairs there are many who regard as an enormous contradiction India's role as chairman of the non-aligned movement and the continuing border tensions which dominate her relations with neighbouring countries.

Having fought three wars with Pakistan since partition the major dispute is still over Kashmir while allegations from New Delhi that her Moslem neighbour helped train Sikh extremists who were then infiltrated into the Punjab have further frosted relations.

Border differences with China continue to strain relations with Peking; the border with Bangladesh is being cordoned off with an enormous barbed wire fence; Sri Lanka feels that New Delhi is attempting to destabilise her by encouraging Tamil rebels and there are still difficulties with Nepal over Indian immigrants.

The generally lack-lustre election campaign was dominated by one single factor more than any other—national unity.

'Mr Clean'

Grasping the sense of fear that India was under grave threat, from both within and outside, Mr Gandhi criss-crossed the vast country telling election rallies that the re-election of Congress (I) was the only hope of avoiding disintegration.

In an attempt to stamp his own image on his party Mr Gandhi dropped nearly a quarter of Congress's 339 sitting MPs before the election in an attempt to "cleanse" the party, which was generally regarded as an Indian euphemism for wiping out corruption.

Since then the young Prime Minister has been projected as "Mr Clean" by party leaders.

He faces the future with the benefit of knowing that the Indian economy is one of the success stories of the Third World. Growth has stabilised at five per cent. and vastly improved harvests could make the nation a food exporter next year.

An improving balance of payments, a manageable foreign debt and 70 per cent. self-sufficiency in oil all produced a potent electoral weapon in his favour.

MALTESE BOMB BLAST AVERTED

By Our Valletta Correspondent

An attempt to blow up an opposition nationalist party club where some 70 people were meeting was thwarted by a guest who noticed the bomb in a dustbin and took it to a beach nearby where it exploded.

A week ago a bomb blew up a car outside another opposition club injuring several people. Nineteen bombs have exploded in the island in the past three months.

Russian visit revives Chinese trade links

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

MR IVAN ARKHIPOV, Soviet First Deputy Premier, leaves Peking for Moscow today after enhancing trade ties but apparently doing little to mend ideological fences.

While he is the most senior Russian to visit China since 1969, his place in the Kremlin-Peking order is not very influential. He is chiefly considered as an old China hand, having served in Peking in the 1950s.

A normalisation of party relations, frigid for two decades, still seems far off, particularly as the Chinese have declined to join a Moscow-sponsored world conference of Communist parties.

In fact, the Chinese have used the Arkhipov trip to open Soviet eyes to the economic wonders now under way in China.

Talks on U.S. visit

Mr Arkhipov, 77, helped formulate and implement China's first five-year plan while he was based in Peking.

His hosts yesterday showed him a steel plant at Wuhan in central China, stressing that output was now ten times higher than when he was last in the country.

Before his departure after an eight-day stay, he had a final round of talks in Peking with Chinese officials, including Peng Zhen, head of the standing committee of the National People's Congress.

One topic thought to have been discussed was the visit next month of Gen. John Vessey, head of the American joint chiefs of staff, who is to discuss arrangements for American warships to make ceremonial calls to Chinese ports for the first time since the Communists took power in 1949.

According to the New China news agency, Peng said the "abnormal state" of Sino-Soviet relations "should not continue" and the Chinese side "sincerely hoped" ties would be normalised.

Noting progress was being made in the areas of the economy, trade, science and technology, he added that the visit should be "a starting point to do as many things as possible."

Mr Arkhipov said Moscow hoped to build friendly relations with China. He noted that "positive factors" had been found in relations in recent years.

MULTI-MILLION FIVE-YEAR PLAN BY LEYLAND

By ROLAND GRIBBEN Business Correspondent

BRITISH Leyland has started discussions with the Trade and Industry Department about a new five-year plan involving a multi-million investment programme and proposals for further privatisation.

The department said yesterday that the talks did not involve the provision of further Government funds for the State-controlled business.

But Mr Ray Horrocks, Group Chief Executive BL Cars, has told Conservative backbench MPs that BL will be increasingly at a disadvantage against competitors in gaining access to subsidised finance now that the Government has ended State aid.

BL is dependant on bank borrowings and internally generated finance for funding development after the deal with the Government to keep the £297 million raised for hiving off Jaguar in return for waiving the final £100 million due from the State.

Outside observers estimate that Austin Rover, the BL volume car division, will need to invest over £2 billion in less than a decade in new model programmes to remain competitive.

Joint ventures

They feel it will be unable to find all the funds from conventional sources, and will either need some Government help or opt for more joint ventures along the lines of the Honda tie-up to share costs.

The new corporate plan presented to Ministers before Christmas sets out BL's plans over the next five-year period and underlines the need for further substantial investment in the car business.

Austin Rover has completed the first phase of its recovery programme with the new range running from the Metro to the Maestro and Montego and revamped Rover, and is actively pushing ahead with a second phase geared to a new model programme and bigger marketing drive.

The company has set a bigger share of the Continental market as a major priority to reduce its heavy dependance on a home market where its share has been pegged at around 18 per cent.

It has been able to contain development costs with flexible production systems that enabled the Maestro and Montego ranges to be developed for just over £200 million and is relying on further automation and new technology to maintain the productivity momentum.

1985 outlook

The corporate plan concentrates largely on the outlook for next year, but also details the longer-term problems still facing the commercial vehicle side of the business.

It also makes clear that any plans for hiving off Austin Rover and effectively completing the BL break-up are still well down the road.

Unipart, the profitable parts and accessories business, is the only candidate clearly identified for privatisation, although Land Rover business still needs the timetable is uncertain. The a further period of "recuperation."

Wrecks and rock surveys 'inadequate'

By DESMOND WETTERN Naval Correspondent

A DISTURBING picture of the inadequacy of surveys for wrecks, shoals and rock pinnacles in British waters is given in the annual report of Rear Adml Sir David Haslam, Hydrographer of the Navy.

Only some 23,000 square miles, a little over 30 per cent. of British waters have been fully surveyed to modern standards. A further 37,500 square miles have not been fully examined and 112,000 sq miles, or 65 per cent., have been surveyed only by soundings with a lead-line or have never been surveyed at all, he says.

In some instances these primitive surveys were done 150 years ago and take no account of hundreds of wrecks sunk in two World Wars, some of which, through the action of tides and currents, have moved as much as 60 miles from the position at which they were sunk.

Overseas work

But despite the enormous amount of work still to be done in home waters, not to mention overseas, the number of survey ships and craft is to be cut by March from 12 to nine.

Although a new coastal survey ship, the Roebuck, is being built, once she is in service one of the four ocean survey ships will have to be mothballed.

One ship is also now allocated to survey work in the South Atlantic for six months a year and the effect of these cuts will mean that the Navy's survey fleet will be smaller than at any time since 1945.

CONCORDE RETURNS

Engine problems forced Concorde's early morning flight from London to New York to turn back to Heathrow yesterday. Passengers on board the British Airways jet included Mr Albert Finney, the actor, and Mr Fred Finn, who has flown Concorde more than 500 times.

Sandra Dickinson, the actress and her actor husband Peter Davison, proudly presenting their baby daughter Georgia Elizabeth, born on Christmas Day at Queen Charlotte's Hospital in west London.

Teachers' union 'out of touch on pay' claim heads

By SARAH THOMPSON Education Staff

SCHOOLCHILDREN face a year of disruption and empty classrooms through industrial action over teachers' pay and conditions, the leader of the largest head teachers' union warned yesterday.

The main culprits, claims Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, would be the National Union of Teachers, which halted talks before Christmas on the structure of the teaching profession.

"The NUT is totally out of step with teachers' wishes," he said.

"It is geared up for sanctions and strikes in the New Year depending on the outcome of pay talks and has put forward a pay claim which can only produce confrontation."

This year children missed lessons as the NUT and the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers took strike action.

In Scotland, the Educational Institute of Scotland, is seeking co-operation from English colleagues in a joint campaign of disruption prompted by a refusal by Mr Younger, Scottish Secretary, to allow an independent pay review north of the border.

Angry reaction

Mr Fred Jarvis, the NUT's General Secretary, yesterday responded angrily to Mr Hart's warnings. "The only union which is out of step is Mr Hart's own," he said. "It is the only union which has not backed our pay claim."

The NUT is seeking a change in the teaching profession's career structure which would create a main professional grade from £7,250 to £15,250 plus benefits for teachers with special responsibilities.

Head teachers would earn up to £29,000 and no teacher salary would be increased by less than £1,200.

However, claims Mr Hart, teachers are unlikely to get more than a flat three per cent. rise from employers when the Burnham Committee on teachers' pay meets on 28 Jan.

DISRUPTION FEAR OVER CHUNNEL

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

MINISTERS are anxious lest a final go-ahead for the Channel Tunnel project in any of its forms should result in the creation of the most golden opportunity to date for militants in the building industry to hold an employer to ransom.

Even though the intention is that the project should be funded entirely by the private sector, there are fears that its sheer scale and implications could prompt key workers to indulge in time-wasting and disruption that would add billions to the cost.

The view within the Government is that the only way this prospect can be avoided is for Ministers to insist from the outset that neither Britain nor France will bale the project out if its private backers run out of funds because of strikes and delaying tactics.

Time of recession

Concern that building trade activists might prolong the project in order to keep workers on it in a paying job for as long as possible at a time of recession is based on the Government's experience of projects which, while large in scale, are dwarfed by the "Chunnel."

Principal among these are a number of Britain's new generation of power stations, notably that at Dungeness which is starting to generate years late and with a cost overrun of hundreds of millions, and the Thames Barrier, now operating but at well over planned cost and after an extra winter's exposure of the capital to flooding.

Some Cabinet members who are still less than enthusiastic about a Channel link for economic or political reasons can be expected to argue that nothing can prevent a scheme of this nature from breaking down in industrial anarchy.

Full-time prosecutors for Yard discipline

By JOHN WEEKS Crime Staff

SCOTLAND YARD is considering employing full-time "prosecutors" to present cases against policemen charged under the Police Discipline Code at private internal hearings.

A working party is examining the possibility of appointing experienced police officers to the new posting on a two-year secondment.

At present the "prosecution" cases are put together for disciplinary panels of senior officers by the investigating detective appointed by the Yard's Complaints Investigation Bureau to inquire into allegations made by the public.

The Bureau are also considering employing some civilian lawyers to present the "prosecution" case at hearings. This would counteract the concession given to the Police Federation under the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill that a civilian lawyer can defend a policeman facing dismissal or demotion, or forced to resign under disciplinary charges.

Legal fees

The discussion will centre on a proposal to match the quality of lawyer employed by policemen facing charges. If for example, they brought in a Queen's Counsel the "prosecution" side would also bring one in.

Many senior officers firmly believe that introducing lawyers into disciplinary hearings will have the effect of lengthening the time cases take to complete and could add as much as an extra £150,000 a year to costs through legal fees.

Others believe that many accused officers who should be removed from the service for the public good will remain in their jobs because of the introduction of lawyers.

They believe that the lawyers will press for the rules of evidence which apply to a court of law to be introduced into internal hearings.

At present disciplinary panels are flexible in their approach. Rules governing the conduct of the hearing are geared to establishing the truth and under them hearsay evidence is permitted while it is not in a court of law.

Love affairs

In 1983 the Yard investigated 7,711 complaints but only 268 were substantiated. Out of those, 60 were of sufficient gravity to warrant dismissal, demotion or forced resignation.

They included cases of corruption, severe neglect of duty, dishonesty, love affairs with wives of suspects or convicted criminals, and sexual offences.

The Yard are often able to get rid of unsatisfactory policemen even after they have been acquitted by a jury in a court of law by using the disciplinary code to show gross breaches of police procedures.

Accused policemen at present are represented by "friends" at hearings under the code. These are normally officers of the same rank or an official of the Police Federation.

TUC call for Special Branch curb

By STEPHEN WARD Industrial Staff

THE TUC called yesterday for tighter laws to control the activities of the police Special Branch.

While the TUC agrees that more surveillance such as mail interception and telephone tapping has been needed to deal with terrorism, it claims the Special Branch is becoming increasingly involved in industrial and political affairs.

In evidence to the Commons home affairs committee inquiry into the Special Branch, the TUC believes Britain should follow the example of other countries which have clearly established by statute limits on the activities of their equivalent arms of the police.

Union leaders want to see a "reasonable balance" between the Special Branch's operational needs, and traditional liberties.

In their evidence, the TUC accuses the Special Branch, which has 1,400 members, of tapping the telephones of activists during industrial disputes.

The evidence accuses the Special Branch of photographing trade unionists during marches and rallies, and detaining and questioning Irish trade unionists atending courses in England.

Regular reports

It is specifically alleged that Special Branch officers have visited schools in Eastbourne and Bexhill inquiring about the political allegiances of teachers.

In 1979 the Special Branch was suspected by the National and Local Government Officers Association of surveillance of a campaign it was running against cuts in public spending.

In 1980 police officers investigated Mr James Hogg, a Transport and General Workers Union shop steward, for "enthusiastic" union activities, the TUC alleges.

To control the Special Branch, the TUC is seeking:

- The inclusion of the Special Branch in provision for consultation between police and the community.
- Regular reports by the Special Branch on its activities.
- Stricter safeguards on telephone tapping.
- Checks to ensure personal files are accurate.
- Effective complaints machinery.
- Parliamentary scrutiny by a permanent Commons select committee.

MOTORISTS FACE SHORT MEASURES

Motorists in East Sussex are getting short measure at the pumps, a report by the county council's trading standards officer said yesterday. Of 73 pumps tested, 52 were found to be giving less petrol than indicated.

A spokesman for the council said yesterday: "Although the shortage is within the permitted tolerance of error, there is evidence that garages are exploiting the situation for their own ends and at the expense of the motorists."

DRINK-DRIVING INCREASE

The Nottinghamshire Police campaign against drink-driving has so far yielded 7·8 per cent. positive results from breath tests compared with only 1·76 per cent. last year.

Since the campaign began on Dec. 19 there have been 84 drink-drive charges resulting from 1,076 tests. Last year a total of 3,969 motorists were breath tested but only 70 were positive.

GARDEN CALENDAR — FRED WHITSEY

Naturally superior

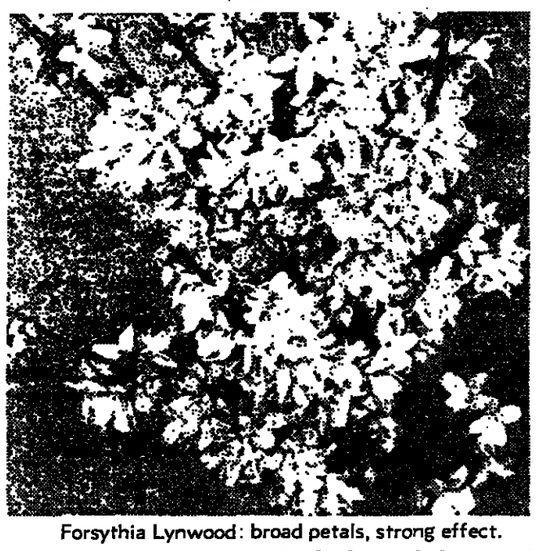
PLANT - token spending time is also the time for pondering the assertion that nothing but the best is worth planting in our gardens. At once you enter a problem area. How can you fairly say that one form of a plant is better than another? By what criteria are plants judged?

It mustn't be by the size of their flowers, as some might suppose, but rather by the effect they make in the garden, though there are many other features that enter the equation.

Size, however, can have its moments, as in the case of the Lynwood forsythia, once selected because when it occurred as a branch sport it was noticed that the flowers had broader petals than the ordinary kind. When it was propagated and bushes of it were produced they did not seem more gross than the parent but more showy. Something of the same goes for the Woodbridge hibiscus, whose flowers are considerably larger than those of most others, though here colour, wine red in this case, comes into it.

It does not have to be a stronger colour, though. The pallida form of the Chinese witch hazel, whose flowers are many gradations lighter than those of the golden kind, contributes more to the winter scene. Like most "superior" forms, it costs more. You can often make a judgment with the help of the price tag.

Sometime the named forms will be found to flower more abundantly than those without a third name to distinguish them. An example here is the form of exochorda named The Bride. The species as it came from the wild was notoriously niggardly with its flowers whereas this one is generous in the extreme. Some people who grow that beautiful early summer shrub kolkwitzia find the same thing with the kind known as Pink Cloud.



Forsythia Lynwood: broad petals, strong effect.

Compactness can qualify a plant for the "better" rating. The old philadelphus Virginal is a lanky grower beside, say, the Sybille or Beauclerk varieties, which give just as much flower and perfume in considerably less space. On the other hand a poor grower can get superseded by a stronger one, though this usually occurs by hybridisation, as in the case of the bigeneric hybrid osmarea, which has similar flowers and scent to those of one of its parents, osmanthus, but produces a comfortably-sized bush much sooner.

Of course, if flowers that are planted in some way or other can be allied with more comely form this will pronounce a plant especially superior. Only last season I whipped out and burned some old abelia bushes and replaced them by a hybrid called Edward Goucher, which not only grows as a more compact plant but also has more tightly-packed flowers of richer colouring. When they bloomed in the autumn I wondered why we had tolerated their predecessor for so long.

Another weakness that leads you to discard can be suckering. Why does anyone go on growing snowberry when the marble-like pink-berried kinds lack this mania? Or put up with those late summer spiraeas that also sucker like mad when the same ground could be given to something far more distinguished? One does have to admit at times that some plants freely sold by nurseries are just not worth garden room.

Or it could be that superiority can lie in a weakness inherent in a family of plants disappearing when a new variety springs up. A special case is the pyracantha named Mojave, honoured only recently with one of the Royal Horticultural Society's awards. When some years ago the fire blight disease appeared on pear and hawthorn trees, pyracanthas proved vulnerable in some areas too. But along came Mojave—which has orange berries that the birds leave till almost last—and this showed a strong resistance, though of course, as plants do, reserving the right to change one day.

How are you to know, though? Generally by a plant having a third name, like superba, that commands a higher price. Fortunately the better garden centres are now serviced by wholesale growers who are not only always on the look-out for new lines to run but are also equally ready, I notice, to discard when a superior form comes along—a practice that would be no bad thing to follow in our gardens. If only we could, instead of saying later: "I only wish I'd planted . . . ."

Keeping well groomed

AUTUMN and early winter conditions have encouraged the grass to go on growing far longer than we can reasonably expect and already lawns are looking as shaggy as they customarily do by the end of the winter. Can they be mown now to make them look better groomed?

No harm can come to them from running the machine over them provided the blades are not set too low, the frost is off them, the worm-casts are scattered and the surface is dried reasonably well by brushing it to scatter the drops of dew or rain. Your professional gardener, although he may have serviced the machine and properly oiled it before laying it up for the winter, might have some reluctance about taking it out again, but he will certainly get on with the job. Indeed, I have met gardeners in the West Country who have told me: "We mow all the year down here."

Scots solicitors vote to allow advertising

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

SOLICITORS in Scotland have voted with reluctance in favour of allowing individual advertising along similar lines to that which has been possible for solicitors in England and Wales since Oct. 1.

Results of a postal ballot among Scotland's 6,000 solicitors, announced today, show that solicitors are opposed by a majority of two-to-one to the principle of individual advertising.

But faced with a clear warning from the Government that it would introduce legislation to make individual advertising possible unless the profession changed its own rules, they voted six to one in favour of allowing individual advertising controlled by the profession.

Despite the strong opposition in principle to individual advertising shown by the ballot, in which about 60 per cent. of the profession voted, the society's governing council is expected to call a special meeting of the society early in the New Year to approve the necessary rule changes.

Draft rules have already been drawn up by the council itself which approved the principle of individual advertising by a 37 to two vote last November.

Greater freedom

But its approval was subject to certain important conditions, such as the need to ban touting, inaccurate or misleading statements and advertising that brought the profession into disrepute.

Similar restrictions apply to advertising by solicitors in England and Wales. One main difference is expected to be that in Scotland solicitors will be allowed to advertise on television while in England and Wales it is restricted to radio and newspapers.

'FEAR OF KGB' KEEPS MP FROM RUSSIA

By A. J. McILROY

MR STEFAN TERLEZKI, the Ukranian-born Conservative MP for Cardiff West, said yesterday that he wanted more than an invitation from a Soviet Politbureau member before he would visit Siberia to see his exiled father.

"I will take up no invitation to the Soviet Union unless it is accompanied with a guarantee that I would be able to leave," Mr Terlezki said.

"I have lived in Great Britain much longer than in the Ukraine. But I would still be regarded as a Soviet citizen and I am still afraid of the KGB."

The invitation to visit his father, Mr Oleska Terlezki, 80, came from Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, Politbureau member, who was in Britain recently.

Father and son were re-united last October for the first time since 1942, the year Stefan was taken from their village by the Nazis as a slave labourer.

Mr Terlezki, who is wheelchair bound, said after being embraced by his son at Heathrow: "Coming to Britain is like coming from the grave." He returned to Russia at the expiry of his 28-day visa.

Mr Terlezki came to Britain in 1948 and achieved success as a hotel and catering consultant before entering the Commons

STUDENTS 'SENT DOWN' FOR DISRUPTION

A Sussex University disciplinary panel has expelled one one student and resticated another for two terms for their part in disruption of university meetings.

The expelled student was found guilty of attempting to prevent a meeting of the university's buildings committee, obstructing officers, damaging papers belonging to Customs' representatives of a careers' convention and assisting in the disruption of an earlier meeting of the disciplinary panel to hear charges against her.

The second student was found guilty of taking a leading part in disrupting the disciplinary panel on Dec. 7. Both students have the right of appeal.

MORE PASSENGERS

The seven airports run by the British Airports Authority handled 3·3 million passengers in November. This was an increase of 13 per cent. on November last year, the biggest monthly increase for more than five years.

DEATHS, IN MEMORIAM

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SAMUEL.—On Dec. 15, 1984, peacefully in the Sobell House Hospice in Oxford, CORNELIE (Lieu), beloved wife of GEOFFREY GRAHAM SAMUEL and mother of Winifred (Canada), Roger Karm and John. Cremation was at the Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Surrey, on Dec. 20.

SAVAGE.—On Dec. 27, 1984, suddenly at her home at Cove, EVA WINIFRED (née Tebert), dear sister of Doris, Marjorie and Joan and beloved aunt of Patricia, Derek and Graham. Funeral service at Aldershot Crematorium on Friday, Jan. 4, at 12.30 p.m. Flowers and inquiries to R. C. Patrick & Co., Farnham (0252) 714834, or donations to British Heart Foundation, 102, Gloucester Place, London W1H 4DH.

SIMONS.—On Dec. 26, peacefully after a very short illness, in Trowbridge Hospital, AGNES (née Waugh), of Flowers Wood, West Ashton, Trowbridge, aged 70, widow of Dennis and mother of Graham. Funeral at West Ashton Church, 2.30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 3. Flowers to A. Barker, 52, Bond Street, Trowbridge.

SKINNER.—On Dec. 24, peacefully, after a short illness, at St James's Hospital, Balham, KATHLEEN DAISY, widow of Ernest Edward, loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. Funeral service Monday, Dec. 31, at St Saviour's, Raynes Park, 9.15 a.m., and afterwards at N.E. Surrey Crematorium, Grand Drive. No flowers, please, but donations to C. of E. Children's Society.

STAHT.—On Dec. 24, 1984, suddenly, at home, ELSIE ELIZABETH. Funeral at St Mary's, Ewell, Surrey, 12 noon, Thursday, Jan. 3, 1985. Donations, if desired, to Heart Foundation.

STEHEN.—On Dec. 27, PHYLLIS ELIZABETH, loved wife of the late Ronald, mother of Elizabeth, Elspeth and Derek and grandmother of Susan and Stephen. Service will take place at The Lancaster and Morecambe Crematorium, on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 10.30 a.m. Funeral arrangements, Edward Stephenson, funeral directors, tel. 833225 or 415787.

STOTT.—On Dec. 25, at St George's Hospital, Milford-on-Sea, Brigadier R. E. H. STOTT, C.B.E., aged 86, late The Sherwood Foresters, beloved husband of Molly. Funeral private.

TARRATT. — On Dec. 27, 1984, peacefully, in hospital, PHILIP HENRY TARRATT, of Stoneygate Court, Leicester, in his 85th year, beloved husband of Barbara Mary. Funeral service at St John the Baptist Church, Clarendon Park Road, Leicester, on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 12.30 p.m. All inquiries to A. C. James & Son, funeral directors, 50, St Stephen's Road, Leicester, tel. 0533 542900.

TOPHAM.—On Dec. 27, 1984, very peacefully, CHRISTINA TOPHAM, dear wife of John, and sister of Emily, Stanley and Elsie (Woodward). Flowers in spirit only, or donations, if desired, to St Christopher's Hospice, 51, Lawrie Park Road, S.E.26.

TUTTON.—On Dec. 25, peacefully at Ker-Maria Nursing Home, Princes Risborough, Mrs W. R. TUTTON, aged 95. No flowers. Donations to Bucks Royal Society for the Blind.

TWEEDY.—On Dec. 27, suddenly as a result of a car accident, JAMES ROBERT, aged 6, son of Robert and Susan, brother of Helen. Cremation Salisbury, 11 a.m., Jan. 4. Flower sprays to Will Case & Partners, 22, Churchfields Road, Salisbury, Wilts.

TYERMAN.—On Dec. 23, at home in Hadleigh, Suffolk, NELSON JAMES, aged 75 years, formerly of Woodford, loved husband of Audrey. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Hadleigh, on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers to Kingsbury & Saunders, funeral directors, 61, Goodge Street, Hadleigh, tel. 833117.

WALKER.—On Dec. 28, peacefully after a short final illness, at Ringwould, MILDRED SHEILA (Cornish), widow of Wilfrid R. H. (RAF) WALKER and much loved mother of Rosemary. Funeral and Peter, service at St Nicholas, Ringwould, 9.30 a.m., Friday, Jan. 4, followed by cremation Barham Crematorium, 10.30 a.m. Flowers or donations to National Children's Home, to E. B. Cavell, 25, Albert Road, Deal, Kent.

WARD.—On Dec. 28, peacefully at Northbrook, ELSIE DOUGLAS, in her 95th year. Funeral at Northbrook Chapel, this day, Jan. 4, at 2 p.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers, but donations to Northbrook Church may be sent to J. W. Ely & Sons, Northbrook.

WELCH.—On Dec. 27, suddenly, in Salisbury, VERNON LOUIS, dearly loved husband of Nellie and a beloved father. Funeral Woking Crematorium, on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 10 a.m. No flowers. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research or British Heart Foundation.

WELMAN.—On Dec. 24, 1984, after a long illness bravely endured, DENNIS WELMAN, formerly of Boxford. Funeral service at Reading Crematorium, on Friday, Jan. 4, 1985, at 2.30 p.m.

WHITAKER.—On Dec. 26, 1984, at Westleton, Suffolk, BERNARD THEODORE, beloved husband of Louise. No flowers. Donations welcome to Westleton Church Appeal Fund.

WILSON. — On Friday, Dec. 28, 1984, suddenly at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, GEORGE DONNELLY WILSON of Princes Risborough, Bucks, beloved husband of Alice and much loved father of Carol and Sandra and grandfather of Shiona. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.

WINES.—On Dec. 24, 1984, very suddenly, Sqn. Ldr. IAN WINES, R.A.F., aged 51 years, idolised by his adoring and adored wife Carol, adored by his six daughters and son, his grandson, son-in-law and sons-in-law to be, Karen, Ray and Little Ian, Dinah and David, Tina and Guy, Peter and Philippa, Marie and Graham, Emma and Mark and Lucy and Graham. Loved by all the family. No flowers, by request, but donations to Harefield Hospital, Middlesex, in memory of him. Inquiries Bognor Regis 828773.

WOODHOUSE.—On Dec. 27, in hospital, PETER (Pedro), Group Capt. R.A.F. (Retd.), beloved husband, father and grandfather. Cremation at Barham, Monday, Jan. 7, 1985, 11 a.m. No flowers or letters, please, but donations, if desired, to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

YOUNG. — On Dec. 27, 1984, suddenly at Royal National Hospital, DOROTHY PRISCILLA, aged 90, widow of DAVID S. YOUNG, F.L.A., much loved mother of Peter Graham, devoted grandmother of Angela Brannan, Gail Stallwood and the late Wendy Noel, and great-grandmother of Richard and Sally. Funeral Friday, Jan. 4, at 12.45 p.m. at Bournemouth Crematorium. Family flowers only, please, but donations if desired for the Aspens Rescues Council may be sent to Dent-Brocklehurst Lodge Funeral Directors, Bournemouth.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

LORD.—The relatives of the late Mrs EVELYN LORD, M.B.E., of St John's, Kersford, Newmarket, wish to express their most sincere thanks for the kind messages of sympathy, for and beautiful floral tributes to their recent very sad loss. Please accept this as the only but most grateful acknowledgment.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

GOSSAGE, Cdr. A. W., R.N. (Retd). — Funeral Service to be held Monday, Dec. 31, at 10.30 a.m., St Peter's Church, West Liss, Hants. Funeral directors L. F. Linton & Son, Midhurst.

IN MEMORIAM

ALLFORD, WILLIAM EDWARD. — Dec. 30, 1983. Constantly in my thoughts. God bless. — Tel.

ASHTON, LILIAN CATHERINE, of Westwood Park, Park Hall and Arms House. —Widow of Keith, beloved and devoted Mother of Percy and Gerald. Passed to her eternal rest 10 years ago.

ASHWORTH, EILEEN. — Remembered with pride, gratitude and great affection this day and every day.—M.J.A.

BEECH, LEONARD GEORGE.—Dec. 29, 1983. In memory of my beloved Husband, remembered and missed this and every day.—Mumsie.

BONHAM CHRISTIE, ROBERT ARTHUR (Peter).—In loving and ever-grateful memory.—Doodsa.

BROOMFIELD, JAMES. — Treasured memories of a dearly loved and devoted Husband, Father, died Dec. 31, 1981, and son DOUGLAS, Test Pilot, killed 1951.—Both sadly missed.

FISH, PETER EUGENE.—Dearly loved Son, Brother, Grandson and Nephew remembered on your 50th Birthday. Loved and longed for always.—Mummy, Daddy and Polly.

HANCOCK, PETER FRANCIS.—In loving memory of my husband, who died Dec. 29, 1976.—Joan.

PUTTNAM, LEN who fell asleep, Dec. 29, 1981.—Time does not heal our greatest sorrow, your memory lives with you tomorrow.—Your loving wife Marie, David, Lesley, Patsy, Jeffrey and Grandchildren.

REUBEN, MICHELE.—Dec. 29. With cherished and untired memories of our darling Mother, on this her Birthday, and of our beloved Father. "Wait we keep in memory is ours unchanged forever." "To live in the hearts of those we love is not to die."

WOOD.—In ever loving memory of my dearest husband RICHARD. Always in my thoughts.—Pam.

WORLD OF BOOKS — DAVID HOLLOWAY

The insight of a vendor

PEOPLE like me who get their books wrapped in neat parcels straight from the publisher tend not to know what makes people buy books. Sometimes I think that it would be a good idea if all reviewers and, indeed, all authors spent a week every year working in a bookshop so that they might see who buys what.

This is, needless to say, a pipedream. I could not imagine a hardworking bookseller welcoming a fumble-fingered reviewer who cannot count, or, still less, an author who would for ever be surreptitiously putting *his* book to the front of the shop. It would be even more educational for a writer and reviewer to go round with a publisher's representative and see how few a bookseller orders in advance of prestigious-sounding titles.

I am not saying that the reviewer should only write about books that sell. His function is quite different; he is there to assess whatever is published, or rather to make his selection from the mass of books that are published. Equally, the author must write as he sees fit. The successful one is someone who happens to write so well that he persuades the public to share his interests.

Still, a visit to the market-place does no harm. I find the best way to discover what people actually care about sufficiently to hand over money for is to run the book-stall at jumble sales or, rather more up market, at "fairs."

I say "run" advisedly, and for rather selfish reasons. If you are the chap in charge, you get first look at the books when they come in plastic bags or battered cardboard boxes. Many a corner in my library have I filled up with these first pickings. Anyway it is fun to manage a fully-stocked bookshop, if only for a day.

The setting-up of the stall is the only part of the operation that is really fun. Things become rather more hectic after that. The first rush, when the sale opens, is terrifying. The spearhead of it consists of the "pros."

After a while you can tell a dealer or his "runner." They carry large battered bags and dominate the centre of your counter, picking up whole armfuls of books to prevent rivals from getting a look. They then scatter the rejects, upsetting all your careful arrangements, and bargain keenly for those selected. The ones I hate are those who ask: "Got any bindings?" I know what this means now: good calf or leather spines that can be ripped off to make wallpaper or covers for cigar boxes. I never have any bindings.

But I do try to oblige the little old lady who asks: "Got any Agathas"? I always have, to start with, but they are always the first to go. Ten years ago "James Bond" went well but he is a drag on the market at 10p now. Sweet-faced teenagers today are more likely to say: "Got any horror?"

The whole day becomes worth while when you see someone's face light up when they have found an old friend. I always feel that I ought to gift wrap such a book because it is obviously going to such a good home. I don't know whether this is something that proper booksellers feel but I do sometimes worry about the people who buy the books. Will they treat them kindly or just toss them aside half-read?

If one has a good bookstall, it is fascinating to see the breadth of people's interests. Each time I always nominate to myself the book that is least likely to be sold — some ancient textbook or collection of Victorian sermons; perhaps a book on a subject so abstruse, cattle rearing in Fiji, for instance, that no buyer is conceivable — and I am usually wrong. It goes early and at the asking price.

It is the books that one expects to go like hot cakes that are left on the table at the end of the day. A few weeks ago I was confident that a huge array of popular romances, most of them in mint condition, would be snapped up at 15p a time. I was quite wrong: most of them remained unsold by closing time. Perhaps Mills & Boon drawn up in battalion strength put people off.

The most salutary lesson I have ever had was a few years ago when I took along all the novels that had been submitted for one of the important literary prizes and priced them modestly, thinking how kind I was to let my customers have the pick of what the publishers at least thought were the best novels of the year.

Out of the 60 or 70, I sold just six. Even at 10p a time (prices are always lower at the end of the sale) I could not get rid of them. Maybe they looked too smart and potential buyers thought that there must be something wrong with them. More likely it was the terrible truth that despite the column yards of reviews they may have been given, "literary" novels tend not to sell. This is a chastening thought for a reviewer.

Still, there is one thought even more chastening. It is when someone comes up and says "Will I like this?" And you suddenly realise that you do not know. You should do; after all it is your trade. But is it? It is the function of the reviewer to say *he* thought a book was good or not and for given reasons. Whether anyone else would like it is beyond him. Still, he would be wise to lead the frail old questioner away from Norman Mailer.

● *Susan Hill's article of Dec. 15 in its reference to the book "E. F. Benson" by Cynthia and Tony Reavell should have said it was good on the topography of Tilling.*

Lynn Chadwick's medal

ART — TERENCE MULLALY

Cash counts!

LOOKING back over 1984 and forward to 1985 it is clear that art is not only an accurate reflection of realities, economic, social and political, which today are often harsh. It is also an indicator of ideals, and even dreams.

That may sound old-fashioned, reminiscent of Ruskin; but it is also topical, for arguments, some of them fairly silly, about the role of art are among those that have been put forward in connection with the Arts Council's expulsion from the Hayward Gallery. It is one of the miserable events hanging over the arts.

In 1985 though, the main worry will have less to do with doctrinaire considerations than with money. It is well to begin by looking back at 1984; some of its most constructive achievements in the arts are an example of how much can be done with limited resources.

One of the happiest things as we approach 1985 — and 12 months ago it would have seemed highly improbable — is that détente is very much in the air. Here art is relevant. Mrs Thatcher's visit to Budapest may well come to be regarded as an event of historical importance. Who early in the year would have suspected that she would be declaring that she liked the man widely spoken of as being Number Two in Russia, and could do business with him? Mrs Thatcher's sense of the needs of the moment and Mr and Mrs Gorbachev's undoubted charisma are New Year presents not to be regarded with cynicism. In 1984 art helped to make us sensitive to them. It can do more.

An exhibition of ceramics and textiles of the immediate post-Revolution period, sent to us from Russia, is among the most memorable exhibitions of 1984. It is in Oxford now, and comes to London in the New Year. We also saw in London, Oxford, Gateshead and Wolverhampton, an exhibition which was noteworthy for several reasons. It was of modern Hungarian medals, had been put together on an official level by the Hungarians, and was organised by the British Art Medal Society and sponsored by the Visiting Art Unit. Both are organisations of the sort that increasingly will determine the future of the arts.

The British Art Medal Society consists of a small group of enthusiasts which publishes a journal, edited by Mark Jones of the British Museum, which has proved an addition to that handful of periodicals, such as THE BURLINGTON MAGAZINE, which makes life more civilised. By commissioning Lynn Chadwick to produce his first medal, the society has stimulated British art.

In a year when we have been celebrating the 50th anniversary of the British Council it is right that the Visiting Arts Unit should also be remembered. It is a wonderful British organisation. With a tiny staff and funds which are minuscule compared with what other countries like France spend on similar ventures, it has helped to bring to this country exhibitions which are good both for art and for international relations.

Just how expensive the arts can be is shown by some of the high spots of 1984. Events such as "Civiltà del Seicento a Napoli," on in Naples until April 14 and arguably the year's greatest exhibition; two other most valuable Italian exhibitions, the Pordenone and the Paris Bordon, both over; the Watteau exhibition now in Paris; and in Britain the Royal Academy's Venetian and Dutch exhibitions; they all cost a frightening amount.

In the organisation of such ventures, international arrangements are one solution. Two of the most important exhibitions to be held in Europe in 1985, the Cavallino and "Caravaggio and his Time," are joint Italian-American ventures in Naples (the Caravaggio opening on March 14 and the Cavallino on April 24), where a private foundation, Napoli 99, is now tackling the problems of that city—a reminder of how much the future of art depends upon private initiative and international co-operation.

The most exciting of all the events so far promised for 1985, the series of exhibitions devoted to the Etruscans to be held in Florence, Siena, Arezzo, Cortona and elsewhere, will be sponsored by the Council of Europe. Enterprise on an international level must, however, be supported by the sort of initiative that has revived the Royal Academy. If these things and Mrs Thatcher's realism enable us to use art to advance international understanding, 1985 could be a good year.

MUSIC — MARTIN COOPER

Revolutionary movement

THE history of music, like that of civilisation itself, follows a general pattern of alternating growth and consolidation, expansion and establishment. Revolutionary change imperceptibly slows down and no sooner does an art become static than it begins to invite the next revolution.

In the modern world, art abhors any status quo as profoundly as nature abhors a vacuum. We have seen it happen in our own times, but almost all makers of revolutions have lived to ask "what happened to the avant-garde?", and the answer is almost always the same. "If you are looking for the old image-breakers, you'll find them in the new church down the road."

The true revolutionaries are not always easy to identify, however. Some composers hailed at first as revolutionaries have proved in their own lifetime or in historical perspective to have been more deeply, more organically rooted in the past than they appeared originally. Gluck and Wagner, for example, were indeed reformers of the opera but neither appears in retrospect as a real musical revolutionary. Gluck's lyrical tragedies were the novelties of the last years before the French Revolution, court-opera in its final phase, leading nowhere; and Wagner's "music of the future" turned out to be a magnificent sunset rather than the dawn of a new musical era.

The test of the real revolutionary is the radical nature of the questions that he asks and the quality and durability of what he proposes to substitute for the old. Debussy's music was indeed revolutionary, but not on account of it harmony: his contemporary Scriabin was experimenting at the same time with a similar harmonic gambit equally restricted in range.

What Debussy called in question was something much more fundamental than harmonic colour; it was the whole conception of music as a logically articulated discourse, one of the basic ideas of all European music. When Webern extended this revolution to the intellectual plane, and into the linguistic field explored by Schoenberg, the first phase of the 20th-century musical revolution was complete.

Debussy's further claim to true revolutionary status rests on the fact that he was the first European composer to regard oriental music as a serious art from which he could learn, rather than as an exotic spice or simply a musical tourist attraction.

Stravinsky is the most puzzling case among composers hitherto accepted as revolutionaries, for his single revolutionary work, the "Sacre," though universally acclaimed, had no more than a general influence on his contemporaries and followers, even the most admiring. It is almost as though Stravinsky in 1913 had anticipated in musical terms the social and political revolution that was not to take place until four years later in Russia.

Was it the shock of that revolution, which deprived him of his home and transformed his whole existence, that explains psychologically the volte-face in his musical development, the turning inward and backward of his extraordinary musical inquisitiveness? He had in fact embarked on his neo-classical (in fact neo-conservative) reaction even before Mussolini came to power in Italy, a corresponding neo-conservative reaction in the political sphere.

To explain such a volte-face simply by the altered conditions of the war years is too superficial: that Stravinsky was in some profound sense a changed man after the "Sacre," and not just a clever and original composer determined to do something new is clear from the fact that with the "Sacre" something vanished from his music never to reappear except in occasional reminiscence.

There was always something smart about neo-classicism: it was essentially the music of an élite, cultural and/or social but never purely musical. Most of the composers who followed Stravinsky were either weak musical personalities or else momentarily captivated by the neo-classical ideal, which formed a phase in their development, and no more. The attraction of neo-classicism to the general public lay in the fact that it was easy to assimilate—and at a much deeper level easy to perform—compared with the more radical music of central Europe.

Historians are beginning to recognise that a great deal of the persistent hostility first to Bartok and then much more seriously to the New Viennese School can be explained by the often appalling quality, as well as the small quantity, of the performances which these works received. This remained generally true until well into the 1950s and in many places later still.

Pierre Boulez in France and William Glock in this country were the first to face the issue of the gap separating composer and public, to insist on action being taken — more and better performances in the first instance — and thus, incidentally to do away with the siege-mentality of the old avant-garde. Contemporary music began to be assimilated, the old ghettos closed.

Historically speaking, we might have expected now to enjoy a period of consolidating the gains made during the years of expansion and establishing the language forged during the revolution. Musical evolution, however, recognises no historical precedents, and it may be well into the next century before the full effect of computer systems upon music has been realised and assimilated.

CHESS — B. H. WOOD

YOU COULDN'T play chess without bishops. I'm waiting for some bishop to describe the world championship match in Moscow, which started on Sept. 9 and is still going on, as a conjuring trick with bits of wood.

Harry Golombek has remarked that it "has dragged its weary length through what seems like centuries of dull chess. . . in its full evil splendour." One newspaper went as far as to say "Kasparov and Karpov have done for competitive chess what 'Harpo' Marx did to the spoken word. It makes watching shrubs grow look hectic and snail-racing positively feverish."

Bill Hartston has launched a spook appeal for lively, interesting chess game scores to be sent to the "miserable" spectators in Moscow, suffering from "chess famine."

So far, there have been more draws in succession, more draws overall, more games played and more days spent playing them than in any previous official world championship match in history.

I recall little boredom over Alexander Alekhine - Raoul Capablanca in 1927, or Anatole Karpov-Victor Korchnoi in 1978, matches which set up the records now shattered. The scores were 6-3 with 25 draws and 6-5 with 21 draws. Both encounters raised intense interest worldwide.

Since Kasparov threw away four games out of the first nine through youthful inexperience, he has held his own in a desperate rearguard action, scoring 1-1 with 24 draws. Karpov fearful of Kasparov's combinational skill, has not dared allow the ghost of an opening but lacks the power, it seems, to cause a breakthrough himself. It's diamond cut diamond.

A chess match in 1840 accepted by all to have been between the two best players in the world went on through 85 days and nearly five months. The world championship had not been established. Louis Charles Mahé de la Bourdonnais, a Frenchman born in Reunion, faced an Ulsterman, Alexander McDonnell. Chess clocks were not then invented (they came 40 years later).

McDonnell sometimes spent two hours on a move. He hardly spoke throughout the match. De la Bourdonnais, on the contrary, laughed uproariously when winning, swore foully when losing, gesticulating, burst into song and exchanged anecdotes with friends. He won.

Postal games, in which it is rare to send more than one move at a time, have occasionally taken half a lifetime; for instance "friendlies" between opponents continents apart.

I once started two casual simultaneous postal games in consultation with a friend against two other friends similarly consulting each other 100 miles away. The need for each side to get together to decide on each move slowed the games down.

One of us got married. Another got married, slight hold-ups resulting. War broke out, but we struggled on. Then one of us embezzled some money and was sent to prison for a year. That killed the match — just when, after about 11 years, the games were becoming really interesting.

Come to think of it, governmental interference in this sport seems to have become quite common since then.

BRIDGE — G. C. H. FOX

THE final of the Rosenblum Cup, World Bridge Federation Knock Out Team Championship, fully lived up to expectations of a close and exciting match between France and the U.S.A. The Rosenblum Cup followed the World Olympiad Pairs in Biarritz and resulted in a win for France by 178-161 imps. The score constantly changed hands and when this hand appeared U.S.A. led by 131-126.

Dealer: South North-South vul.

North: ♠ 8 4 3 2 ♥ K 9 5 3 ♦ K Q 7 5 ♣ K

West: ♠ K J 10 9 5 ♥ J ♦ 8 2 ♣ A Q J 4 2

East: ♠ A Q 7 6 ♥ 8 6 ♦ J 9 6 ♣ 9 7 6 5

South: ♠ — ♥ A Q 10 7 4 2 ♦ A 10 4 3 ♣ 10 8 3

In the closed room with Faigenbaum and Pilon North-South against Stansby and Martel the bidding was

S.	W.	N.	E.
1♥	1♠	4♥	4♠
5♦	—	5♥	—
—	5♠	6♥	

The official book suggests that Martel might have made an Astro type cue bid to show 4+ cards in spades and 5+ cards in a minor. After East's 4♠ Pilon bid 5♦ hoping to be able to judge the future bidding from his partner's reply. Faigenbaum corrected to 5♥ and advanced to 6♥ over 5♠. One is left to guess whether he was being cunning and hoping to be left to play in 6♥. Certainly Martel considered that the slam was no certainty as the French had stopped in 5♥. The contract was duly made, scoring 1430.

In the open room with Woolsey and Manfield North-South against Soulet and Lebel the bidding was

S.	W.	N.	E.
1♥	2♥	4♦	5♠
6♦	6♠	Dble	

West's 2♥ was similar to a Michael's Cue Bid — strong 5-5 in spades and a minor. North's 4♦ was fit showing jump agreeing hearts. This excellent save cost only 500 so France gained 14 imps to go back into the lead.

Board 78 of the 80 board match virtually secured the title for France.

Dealer: East. Love all.

North: ♠ Q 9 4 3 ♥ 9 8 4 ♦ J 9 4 2 ♣ Q 2

West: ♠ 8 2 ♥ K 10 7 3 ♦ K 7 6 3 ♣ K J 3

East: ♠ A 7 5 ♥ J 6 5 ♦ A Q ♣ A 10 8 6 4

South: ♠ K J 10 6 ♥ A Q 2 ♦ 10 8 5 ♣ 9 7 5

In the open room with Soulet and Lebel East-West against Pender and Ross the bidding was

S.	W.	N.	E.
—	2♣	—	1NT
—	3NT		2♦

Ross found the good lead of ♠J which held, and he continued with ♠6 to ♠9, and ♠4 was returned, Ross retaining ♠K. Dummy discarded ♥3.

The spades appeared to be 4-4 and all depended on the clubs. The percentage play would be to lead ♣K and return ♣J. This caters for the possibility of North holding ♣Q 9 x x. But the diamond blockage makes it difficult as it deprives declarer of the needed second entry, if North holds ♣Q 9 x x, and covers ♣J. But declarer has an alternative play. He can cash ♦A Q, cross to ♣K, cash ♦K and lead ♣J. If North holds ♣Q 9 x x there is the chance to lead towards ♥K. This succeeds as the cards lie because South with ♥A has not the winning diamond. Soulet cashed the ♦A Q crossed to the table with ♣K, cashed ♦K and led ♣J to make nine tricks.

In the closed room with Martel and Stansby East-West against Faigenbaum and Pilon the bidding was

S.	W.	N.	E.
—	1♥	—	1♠
—	3NT		1NT

The opening lead was a spade. Martel thought it probable that Soulet would adopt the line he took. Feeling that the team was behind and a swing was needed he ran ♣10. It didn't work.

The official championship book contains hands from the Open, Women's and Mixed Pair Championship and all the deals from the Rosenblum Final with analytical comments.

It can be obtained price £6-50 from Bridge International, 30 Fleet Street, London, EC4Y 1AH.

BRAIN TWISTER

BT356: ARRANGE 10 court cards in the order shown at the top of the diagram.

A A K K Q Q J J T T

A K Q J T A K Q J T

Your object should now be to move the cards *two at a time* until they represent two straights (each consisting of A, K, Q, J, Ten, in that order) as in the lower half of the diagram.

Each move must consist of two *adjacent* cards. Moreover, the order in which the pair stands must not be changed during the move. For instance, should you choose to move the second and third cards to the blank space at the end, the Ace must still be to the left of the King when the move is complete.

What is the smallest number of moves in which the task can be accomplished?

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SOLUTION to BT355: There were eight in the party—and there were two helpings of red herring: the first was the bit about Tommy, and the second was the slur on Marmaduke. Neither datum is needed to answer the original question, but these facts do enable us to say that one (father) doubled up on P and C, two (the girls) on T and C, and one (Tommy) on T and P. Not just the much maligned Marmaduke, but all the remaining four, had second helpings of everything.

D. StP. BARNARD

NATURE — MAURICE BURTON

ON NOV. 24, I wrote here about Rot of the Stars, also called star slime. This was investigated some years ago and proved to be the gelatinous oviducts of frogs or toads, rejected by a predator and lying among damp grass.

There are, however, other sources of jelly-like masses found mysteriously in damp places. One is a small alga known as *Nostoc*. This consists of strings of green cells, like strings of beads, embedded in a jelly. It may occur on its own or in association with a fungus, the two then forming a gelatinous lichen. Interestingly enough, this received the name of star jelly; and I have known people living today who, on finding it, have presumed it came from outer space, since it is found seemingly suddenly, after rain, on such places as pasture land and gravel walks.

It has always been a puzzle why, for centuries, these things have been associated with heavenly bodies. Most interesting was the remark passed to me, following my note on the subject, of someone who recalled seeing shooting stars apparently falling into a large field. She would search the field the next day and often found masses of jelly where the meteorites seemed to have fallen.

Another source of gelatinous material, this time seen only in spring, can be identified as unfertilised frog spawn. An unmated female may shed her spawn for the simple reason that she cannot contain it any longer. She usually does this on land, among damp grass.

THE ARTS

THEATRE / Richmond

Tawdry disorder

OUR SYMPATHY is sought so often and so blatantly by all and sundry on the pantomime stage that in the case of "Jack and the Beanstalk" at Richmond Theatre, mine goes out to the director.

What on earth is he supposed to make of such material? We know that pantomimes traditionally disdain authors, we know that stars just come back to the theatre for Christmas to do their own familiar thing. We know the kids will co-operate and pretend to be critical before cheering their little heads off.

But how can such tawdriness be made to seem, even for odd moments, coherent?

Consider the chaos at Richmond where Jack (Suzanne Danielle), is so convinced that we don't know where we are (and why should we amid so many distractions?) that we are invited to tell her why the beanstalk needs climbing.

In fact, most of us seem to know the answer but with such faith in the dramaturgy from the performers, who needs writers? For the sake of the credits (but hardly to their credit) they are named as John Morley (ubiquitous at this time of year) and Dick Hurran, who also directs—and it is of course he who deserves a salute for keeping the show on the move.

No stars? Well, they can seldom be persuaded to act together without breaking into giggles but they make pleasant company alone. There is Jimmy Edwards with his trombone and tuba getting the bird from the gods and liking it. He has an avuncular tolerance with young hecklers which makes you wonder when the W. C. Fields in him will break out.

As the Dame, Kenneth Connor has the right personality but where are the gags? Lucky are the symbols of good and evil — Joan Sims with her wand and her smile, and Keith Barron with his cloak and glare and imitations of Olivier's Richard. Mr Barron begs us to boo him — "come on, louder than that!" And once again we reflect on the tendency for pantomime to send itself up.

Peter Goodwright offers a likeably simple Simon of real, heartening silliness; and the designs and the costumes by Hugh Durrant are always a pleasure to look at.

But only the director can orchestrate the nonsense so cunningly that we feel truly on his side throughout—even though he lets the Giant be stabbed conspicuously in the back—the sort of thing this show is doing to pantomime.

Eric Shorter

Undemanding idyll

TO MARK the 25th year since Laurie Lee published his best-seller "Cider With Rosie," Greenwich has revived James Roose-Evans's stages adaption, which had a short run in London some time ago.

The poet's tender evocation of his childhood in the Gloucestershire village of Slad has also been televised but the present version made me think of a sleepy radio play with bird and wagon-wheel noises, the kind you listen to when in city pent while consuming cider with rosé and cracking cob-nuts. The quiet nostalgic words and poems are all and the flutterings over the stage by a cast of nine, wielding chairs and playing 23 parts, are only pretty illustrations.

We see the little boy japing at school with his two brothers and three step-sisters. Then, under the beech-trees in a landscape always freezing cold or blissfully summery, he joins a charabanc party to Weston, goes carol-singing, or visits the village crones—Granny A, famous for her flower wines, or Granny B, a snuff addict who camps out in the woods.

Or he attends a parochial church tea, with funny turns by jolly villagers and a hectic ballad from a foreign lady, "Life is gay!" And in due course there is sex, when the youth spends summer hours with Rosie and her seductive flagon—an experience which starts him writing his easy Georgian verse.

Above all, in a beguiling performance by Barbara Ewing, there is Lee's scatterbrained mother, a light-giver and an original, with her outbursts of extravagance and her passionate love of flowers and old china — Spode is a holy word.

She tells magical tales of her service with the gentry before she became housekeeper to the girls' father, who gave her the three boys and then deserted her for good.

The music by Michael Hurd, the gracious presence of Christopher Timothy and Simon Butteriss as the mature and the young poet and several capital comic characterisations by Sarah Crowden, contribute to this undemanding pastoral idyll.

John Barber

SAUDIS PAY £4·5m FOR SCHOOL

The Saudi Arabian Government has bought a west London school for £4·5 million. Faraday School, in Bromyard Avenue, Acton, was closed by Ealing Borough Council this year due to falling school rolls.

It is to be used as a private school for children of Arab diplomats and businessmen.

NEW NURSING CHIEF

Brig. Rita Hennessy is to be the Army's new Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services. Trained at Thittington Hospital, Highgate, and the Victoria Hospital, Barnet, she joined the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps in 1959.

TV / Vidal in Venice

Smell of grandeur

THE POTTIEST advice I can ever remember receiving was from a travel writer colleague on the occasion of my first visit, 25 years ago, to Venice. "Don't" he urged me, "stay in the city itself. Stay on the Lido. Venice smells."

It may well be that La Serenissima exudes the odd whiff, especially at canal-cleaning time. If so, it is a pong to be prized, here is no city on earth that has so well earned the grandeur of its slow decay. You would not recoil from the gentle musty odour of a Norfolk church; no civilised person could possibly object to a city nearly as old as the Roman empire, having its personal miasma.

Gore Vidal, who wields considerable grandeur of his own, made a notable guide to the world's most romantic city. He thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities afforded by Vidal in Venice (C4) and I enjoyed sharing his pleasure nearly as much. Convinced that his ancestors were Venetians he treated the fabulous Doge's Palace like a family home, sitting on the Doge's throne and comparing the ancient Venetian system of government with that of the early United States.

As he noted, Venice tends to inspire purple patches in nearly all writers; Gore duly contributed a few of his own "the most beautiful cliché on earth; a sort of waiting dream: a place where everyone is in the same boat".

Where "Vidal in Venice" and especially Thursday's first instalment scored, was in the scope of its fascinating historical survey. Most of us tend to think of Venice as a kind of cultural Disneyland: Vidal placed the city in its true perspective of an astonishing imperial phenomenon, the tiny centre of a maritime republic that held sway for centuries over the eastern Mediterranean until vanquished by Islam, and finally by Napoleon.

While not neglecting the obligatory round of sumptuous palaces and art treasures, he made it clear that his real admiration was for the Venetians themselves, only three million in all their history, who through a mixture of opportunism, imagination and sheer industry, traded their way to top nation.

By the end of last night's second programme, in which the American author dwelt on the city's literary and artistic associations, and its post-imperial touristy image, I could have wished for slightly less voice-over, more looking in silence. Venice in the 20th century cries out for the camera, as surely as it invited the brush in the 18th, and some of Vidal's *bons mots* began to verge on the platitudinous. But let's not be ungrateful, it was a splendid tour, one that will surely have sent first-timers out to the travel agents and us old-stagers wistfully to contemplate our bank balances and wonder if it's not time for another intake.

Adroit direction, splendid period atmosphere, and a first-rate cast, all contrived to raise Miss Marple: The Body in the Library (B B C 1) way above the level expected from an Agatha Christie adaptation. Even cameos like the rich twit and the awful schoolboy were beautifully turned out; Valentine Dyall, no less, played the butler. I can't imagine an Eastbourne-type Palm Court being better done, or a more convincing lady-like spinster than Joan Hickson's deceptive Miss Marple.

Not having read a Christie "whodunnit" for a year or two, I couldn't help suspecting that the dialogue might have been helped along a bit in T. R. Bowen's dramatisation. Perhaps I am doing Agatha an injustice. It was all so much better than London Weekend's long, lush boring films along the same lines, and almost up to the standard of Agatha's P. D. James with authentic police inquiry atmosphere and a splendidly disillusioned copper from David Horovitch. Guy Slater produced, Silvio Narizzano directed; BBC middle-brow drama at its formidable best.

Richard Last

£12,000 ESTATE

Sir Harold Emmerson, of Littlebourne, Kent, who died last August, aged 88, left £12,003 net (£12,607 gross) in his will published yesterday. He was Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Works, 1946-56; Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Labour, 1956-59 and was one of three members of the security committee which carried out the Portland Spy Inquiry in 1961.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Princess Anne, President of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, will dine with the Council of the Academy at 195, Piccadilly, W.1, on Jan. 25.

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Vanderhoff International Ltd., at Nuneaton, and the British Timken Co., Northampton, on Feb. 7.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron, will visit Helen House, Oxford, on Feb. 7.

BIRTHDAYS TODAY AND TOMORROW

Sir William Esplen is 85 today; Mr H. Andrew Freeth is 72; Prof. L. C. B. Gower 71; Mr G. A. Hunt 70; Gen. Sir Robert Ford 61; Mr John Connell 80; Mr S. M. Hornby 50; and Mr Harvey Smith 46.

Lord Harvington will be 77 tomorrow; Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund Hudleston will be 78; Sir John Prideaux 73; Mr Anthony Cripps, Q.C. 71; Lord Terrington 69; Sir David Willcocks 65; Gen. Sir David Fraser 64; the Earl of Ypres 63; Lord Howick of Glendale 47; and the Duke of Somerset 52.

Today is the anniversary of the murder of St Thomas à Becket in 1170.

Forthcoming Marriages

Major J. Blake and Miss Y. Pritchard

The engagement is announced between Major James Blake, Royal Signals, elder son of Mr and Mrs P. O'D. Blake, of Doublebois, Cornwall, and Miss Yvonne Pritchard, WRAC, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. P. Pritchard, of Scarborough, North Yorkshire.

Dr J. R. Skoyles and Miss I. J. C. Blake

The engagement is announced between Julian, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. R. Skoyles, of East Grinstead, Sussex, and Ceri, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. E. Blake, of Chilwell, Nottingham.

Mr S. J. G. Beach and Miss J. A. Viceriton

The engagement is announced between Simon James Gaunt, son of Major and Mrs N. G. G. Beach, of Hoar Cross, Staffordshire, and Julie Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Viceriton, of Truro, Cornwall.

Mr A. W. Christian and Miss H. R. Parks

The engagement is announced between Andrew William, son of Mr and Mrs D. Christian, of Churchdown, Gloucester, and Hayley Ruth, elder daughter of Captain and Mrs G. A. Parks, of Gloucester.

Mr A. A. W. Pepper and Miss D. A. Culley

The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of the Rev. A. T. and Mrs Pepper, of Tranent, East Lothian, and Deborah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T. J. Culley, of Ashampstead, Berkshire.

Mr P. D. Yassin and Miss B. S. Grey

The engagement is announced between Paul Dominic, elder son of Dr R. Yassin, of Bambury, and Mrs P. Yassin, of London, and Beverley Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. D. Grey, of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Mr I. A. F. Miscampbell and Miss A. L. M. Phipps

The engagement is announced between Ian Alexander Francis, second son of Mr and Mrs Alex Miscampbell, of Colonsay, Quainton, Bucks, and Amanda Louise Medley, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Phipps, of Silver Birch Cottage, Seer Green, Bucks.

Mr P. E. Lumley and Miss J. V. Biddulph

The engagement is announced between Peter Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs Henry Lumley, of Windlesham, Surrey, and Jane Victoria, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Biddulph, of Beauty Point, Mosman, New South Wales, Australia.

Mr J. R. J. Douse and Miss S. A. Wolsey

The engagement is announced between Jeremy Robin John, second son of Mr and Mrs J. F. Douse, of Whepstead, Suffolk, formerly of Zimbabwe, and Susan Annabell, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Wolsey, of Harare, Zimbabwe.

Mr B. E. Hill and Miss J. U. Lockhart

The engagement is announced between Brian, son of Mr and Mrs G. E. Hill, of Eaton Ford, Cambs., and Janet, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. D. Lockhart, of Covington, Cambs.

Mr J. Gilbert and Miss R. G. Baird

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs H. G. Gilbert, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Rowena, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. K. Baird, of Hartfield, Sussex.

Mr R. G. Bathurst and Miss C. V. Threlfall

The engagement is announced betwen Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs Philip Bathurst, of Apple Tree Cottage, Box, Glos., and Victoria, youngest daughter of Mr R. I. Threlfall, Q.C., and Mrs Threlfall, of Pebble Hill House, Limpsfield, Surrey.

Mr M. Jefferies and Miss K. Hooper

The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of the late Mr Peter Jefferies and of Mrs Pauline Jefferies, of Edmondsham, Dorset, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Hooper, of Tarrant Hinton, Blandford, Dorset.

Mr A. Le Gallais and Miss L. C. K. McCarthy

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs J. Le Gallais, of Jersey, and Loraine, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. P. McCarthy, of Jersey.

Mr R. M. R. Archer and Miss F. M. MacLaurin

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Bryan Archer, of Harmer Green, Hertfordshire, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian MacLaurin, of Knebworth, Hertfordshire.

Mr R. W. Hawkes and Miss C. Arch-Hunt

The engagement is announced between Brian William, youngest son of Mr and Mrs W. E. Hawkes, of Holme-next-Sea, Norfolk, and Christina, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. W. Hunt, of Sheringham, Norfolk.

Mr I. C. O. Robson and Miss G. P. Blake

The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs H. E. Robson, of Hindhead, Surrey, and Gillian, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. C. L. Blake, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr A. C. Harriss and Miss H. R. Joy

The engagement is announced between Antony Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs C. G. Harriss, of Sheering, Essex, and Hazel Rosamund, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. M. Joy, of Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

Mr J. P. Stratford Trevers and Miss C. M. Delves

The engagement is announced between John Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs P. Stratford Trevers, of Stanton, Glos, and Caroline Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs F. K. Delves, of North Hinksey, Oxford.

WEDDING

Mr D. F. Gibbs and Miss P. C. M. Wheare

The marriage took place yesterday in the Chapel of Exeter College, Oxford, of Mr David Gibbs, son of the late Mr and Mrs Frank Gibbs, of Seaford, Sussex, and Miss Philippa Wheare, daughter of the late Sir Kenneth Wheare and of Lady Wheare, of 55, Parktown, Oxford. The Rev. A. Baxter officiated, assisted by the Rev. G. Shaw.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr Henry Wheare, was attended by Charlotte Reid. Mr Sandy Ross was best man.

A reception was held in the Hall of Exeter College and the honeymoon is being spent in Morocco.

SEAFORD COLLEGE

The Academic and Musical Scholarship Examinations will be held at Seaford College, Petworth, West Sussex, on March 4 and 5, 1985. Particulars may be obtained from the Registrar.

CHURCH SERVICES TOMORROW

The Sunday after Christmas

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 Mattins, Rev Prof Keith Ward of London University (Stanford in B flat): 11.30 HC (Lassus): 3.15 Evensong, Canon Graham Routledge (Wood in F). Services sung by the Ween Singers.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC: 10.30 Mattins, Rev R. P. Reiss, Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry (Stanford in B flat): 11.40 HC: 3 Evensong, Canon Sebastian Charles (Noble in B minor): 3.55 Organ, Simon Preston: 6.30 The Devn. Services sung by Chester St Cecilia Singers.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC: 11 Eucharist, Rev David Gataffe: 3 Evensong (said).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 Deaconess Kate Ricketts.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: 8 & 5.15 HC, 10.20 Said Mattins: 11 The Vicar: 6 Rev J. S. W. Young.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place: 9.30 HC: 11 Rev Richard Bewes: 6.30 Rev Roger Sisesson. Watchnight Service (31st) 11.15 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Rd: 8 HC: 9 Sung HC: 11 Rev John Collins: 6.30 Rev F. J. S. Perkin.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet St: 8.30 HC: 11 Choral Mattins & Eucharist: 6.30 Evensong & Sermon in Music.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: 11 Canon Trevor Beeson: 8.15 & 12.15 HC.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: 8 & 12.30 HC: 9.30 & 6.30 Rev M. J. Thompson: 11.15 Rev P. M. Arnold.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: 8 HC: (1662 Prayer Book): 9.45 & 6.30 Rev Charles Hedges: 11.30 Mr Norman Ibbs-Smith. Watchnight Service (31st) 11.30 p.m.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam St: 11 Mr Donald Shelff: 6.30 Canon Keith de Berry.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet St: 8.30 HC: 11.15 The Master.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL, Savoy Hill: 11.15 Rev Leslie Harman: 12.30 HC.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC: 11.15 Preb W. D. Kennedy-Bell.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Tower of London: 11 HC (St John's Chapel).

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC: 11 Rev John Blease: 3.30 Evensong and Carols.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks: 11 Rev J. C. D. Cooke: 12 HC.

CROWN COURT (C-of-S), Covent Garden: 11.15 Rev. Malcolm Duff. No Evening Service.

ST COLUMBA'S (C-of-S), 11 & 6.30 Very Rev Dr J. Fraser-McLuskey.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7, 8, 9, 10.30 (Sung), 12, 5.30, 7.

FARM STREET: Masses 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11 (Sung Latin), 12.15, 4.15, 6.15.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Rd: Masses 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 (Palestrina) 12.30, 4.30, 7.

BLOOMSBURY CENTRAL BAPTIST: 11 & 6.30 Dr Howard Williams.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: 11 & 6.30 Rev Dr Brian Johanson.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL: 11 Rev Dr R. John Tudor. No Evening Service.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Rd: 11 Rev Roseid C. Gibbins.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 & 6.30 Rev Jonathan Bush.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 11.

British Museum: Anne Pearson "The Sutton Hoo ship burial," 11.30; (Special Exhibition) "The Golden Age of Anglo-Saxon art," 1.15.

Museum of London: Programme of talks, workshops and other events on the theme of 'love and colour' for Christmas and the New Year, 10-6.

TOMORROW'S EVENTS

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 10; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.

Museum of London: Display of Toys and Games; Edwardian Paper Toys (the King Collection & Colin Manton (workshop).

St Bride's, Fleet St.: Choral Mattins and Eucharist, 11.

St Michael, Cornhill: Choral Mattins 1662, 11.

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AVERY, J. A., Torquay	£402,939
BYRNE, D. N., Edgebaston, Birmingham, retired chartered surveyor	209,936
DONCASTER, A. C. B., Almondsbury, Avon	200,122
ERNEST, Mrs Ida, Bournemouth	424,471
INGRAM, T. H., Harrogate	290,050
JONES, W. R. L., Lampeter, Dyfed	539,471
LEZARD, Mrs Mary B., St Johns Wood	475,450
RIMER, Mrs Mary A., Gerrards Cross, Bucks	524,168
SMITH, P. A., Thame, Oxfordshire	288,990
STEPIEN, J., Bayswater	427,645
WARD, G. H., Stalybridge, Greater Manchester, retired baker and farmer	199,946

CUT-PRICE RULE ON ROAD PLANS

By Our Transport Correspondent

Consulting engineers will have to make cut-price offers instead of all submitting the same fee scales when seeking work on road schemes for the Government from Jan. 1.

"The new arrangements will lead to savings in the annual bill for preparation of our schemes without detracting from the high quality of service we expect," said Mrs Chalker, Transport Minister.

FARMING ADVICE

Rachel Tetley, 27, from Truro, Cornwall, has been appointed Nottinghamshire's first farming and wildlife advisor, backed by the Countryside Commission, the Farming and Wildlife Trust and Nottinghamshire farmers.

TELEPHONE SALES

By Our Business Correspondent

Second-hand telephone exchange equipment worth £5 million has been sold by Teletrade, British Telecom's overseas sales arm to Zimbabwe and Malta.

SEA WALL 'STOLEN'

A new £34 million sea wall at Canvey Island is being damaged by people who steal granite stone from it for their gardens. Night fishermen are also threatening the wall by lighting fires on it.

SATURDAY COLUMN

Enough to drive you up the wall

EVELYN COX decries double standards in public and private business

ABOUT a mile from my home the local highway authority has recently built a glaringly ugly, 8ft high, roadside wall. This in a reasonably attractive village of mellow stone houses. Behind the wall a cottage is being converted to the most rigorous planning specifications—hand-made Victorian bricks, Welsh slates, specially crafted window frames. But it is hard for the passer-by to see much of the detail because it is almost completely obscured by the wall, built of semi-industrial crimson bricks, to which, manifestly, no such planning requirements apply.

To me this wall is not only a monument to the barbarians of the highways department but to the widening divergence between the rules which apply to us and the ones that apply to them. More and more the public sector seems to live by a completely different set of standards than those laid down for the general public. The public sector which devises and polices the regulations does not have to impose them on itself. Indeed, as with the brick wall, its own activities can often mar the efforts which it has forced us to make.

These incongruous constructions are not the outcome of top level policy decisions. (If you want to build an airport, a motorway or a nuclear reactor there is a system of discussion documents and public inquiries to protect the public interest.) They are the result of day-to-day decisions taken at the other end of the scale, perhaps the yard foreman at the depot who directs the lorry to a particular pile of bricks. For him aesthetics are not part of his brief: his job is to ensure the bricks are suitable ones to build the wall as cheaply and as solidly as possible.

Sometimes the concern is over what is knocked down rather than what is put up. In another recent case the maintenance section of a highways department decided to fell trees on both sides of an urban trunk road because they impeded the flow of traffic — an action which, if initiated by a private contractor, would lead to public condemnation and a heavy court fine. Fortunately the local civic trust got wind of the plan and successfully thwarted it.

But often the first the public knows of such cases is when the deed is done. Even where a local authority appoints its own conservation watchdog he may be powerless to act against his fellow public servants. Decisions are not publicly announced and there is no recourse when the work is complete.

Higher up the scale, where public sector plans are nominally subject to the same procedures as those of private enterprise, there still seem to be two sets of rules. This is particularly true where town centre redevelopment is concerned and the council is both developer and planning authority—applicant and adjudicator. You get the situation where the owners of the buildings on the edge of the development who want to extend their premises have to submit detailed plans which include such fine points as the width of the glazing panels and the materials of the facia board—and then wait for six months for the necessary permission.

Meanwhile the far less detailed plans for the £15 million development next door have gone through in four months.

These same double standards of control can apply to food and food preparation in public institutions. Prisons and mental hospitals, for instance, with their own herds of cows can serve raw, unpasteurised milk to their inmates without having to comply with the stringent health regulations which apply to people who sell such milk to the more footloose general public.

In the case of catering itself commercial kitchens come under the jurisdiction of the environmental health inspectors who impose, quite rightly, exacting standards of hygiene and cleanliness. Not so kitchens in hospitals, old people's homes, prisons and schools. They are free to set their own standards. Some, we are assured, are excellent but others are sometimes tailored more to the shift system of the staff and the financial parsimony of the authorities than to the health and dietary requirements of their charges. Potatoes may be peeled up to 36 hours before they are cooked and it is not unusual for meat to be cooked the day before, carved when cold because it is more economical that way, and finally warmed up with hot gravy.

The problem is not new. Nineteen hundred years ago Juvenal posed the question "*Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?*" But it is a question which goes on demanding an answer today.

'PLAGUE' LIKELY TO BE LOST

By ALISON BECKETT
Art Sales Correspondent

A PAINTING by Michael Sweerts of "The Plague at Athens," valued at £1,145,038 and considered to be of national importance, seems likely to be exported to America.

An export licence for the large and gruesome street scene, formerly thought to be the work of Poussin, was delayed for three months shortly after it was purchased at Christie's by New York dealer Mr Richard Feigen.

However, as the deadline to save the mid-17th century painting approached last night there was no indication of any British institution taking advantage of a second chance to buy it.

The work came from the collection of the Cook family who last century were merchant traders. It used to hang in Doughty House, Richmond, Surrey, and was lately on loan to several major public galleries.

When it was auctioned in July the painting far exceeded any previous price for the work of Sweerts, a Brussels artist who spent some years in Rome. Its current value is set at its hammer price plus associated charges.

Ploughing threat to heritage

By KEITH NURSE
Arts Correspondent

ARCHAEOLOGISTS are increasingly concerned at threats, arising from deep ploughing farming methods and development projects, to the nation's ancient field sites, earthworks and barrows.

Hundreds of unknown sites came to light through aerial photography during the summer drought of 1976, a bonus which has brought problems.

The threats to monuments, both protected and unprotected, show no signs of diminishing, say the archaeologists.

A survey by Wiltshire council archaeologists earlier this year highlighted the damage being caused to one of Britain's most valuable sites, Salisbury Plain, the main battle training ground for the Army.

Working party

The problem was drawn to the attention of the Defence and Environment Secretaries and an inter-departmental working group was subsequently set up to undertake a study and produce recommendations on how the monuments might be better protected and managed.

Dr Henry Cleere, director of the Council for British Archaeology, writing in the Council's annual survey "Archaeology in Britain" points out a disturbing paradox.

The reservation of this great concentration of monuments for the use of the Army had in fact had the effect of conserving them more effectively over the years than the ancient sites on other parts of the chalk uplands of Wessex.

Horrifying example

The destruction of earthworks of all kinds and from all periods on the neighbouring Marlborough Downs, for example, since the end of the 1939-45 War by agriculture had been "horrifying."

Probably no more than 10 of those known from pre-war ground and aerial reconnaissance were still visible.

Paradise found in Antigua —

COLUMBUS. Captain Kidd and Nelson all saw the dream island of Antigua in the Caribbean. What is it like today? And what would it cost to go there?

In the first of six great escapes, BRENDAN LEHANE visits Antigua. He captures some unforgettable images of this paradise isle as the TELEGRAPH SUNDAY MAGAZINE embarks on an exciting travel series aimed at pointing you in new holiday directions. STEPHANIE PONSFORD investigates the range of package holidays for 1985.

ANTHONY HADEN-GUEST presents a light-hearted round-up of the year. He explains how Woody Allen did not get the bird and, good news for some, points out that Iceland has abandoned income tax.

SUE BLAIR reveals the latest look in swimwear with lions and leopards lying in wait on the beach; and ALEXANDRA CAMPBELL reports on new products to protect your skin from the sun's rays.

OCTAVIA MARTIN visits the Royal Naval Ordnance Museum in Portsmouth, with its unique collection of weaponry dating back to Tudor times.

PAUL JENNINGS explores the mysterious pleasure of eavesdropping on other people's diaries and letters, some famous, and some obscure.

These and all the regular features appear in tomorrow's TELEGRAPH SUNDAY MAGAZINE, available only with THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH

Stonehenge pop festival banned

By ALISON BECKETT

THE National Trust has decided to ban the annual summer pop festival at Stonehenge, which this year resulted in more than £20,000 worth of damage.

The surrounding area, as well as the monument itself, is of enormous archaeological importance and the Trust says it cannot accept such damage and still honour its responsibilities over land in its care.

The Trust acquired the farmland adjacent to "the frontispiece to British history" in the 1920s following a national appeal. Donors ranged from King George V to the Druids, whose cult celebrate the summer solstice at Stonehenge.

But recently a simultaneous pop festival has blossomed which last year, the Trust says, attracted tens of thousands of followers who camped out in the area for weeks, spoiling the enjoyment of other visitors and causing a big repair bill.

Arrangements are being made for the Druid ceremony to continue as usual without the pop festival. A Trust spokesman said: "We hope our announcement will discourage people. If not we will have to discuss further action."

'Cheaper TV satellite' plea

By ROBIN STRINGER
TV and Radio Correspondent

THE BBC, ITV and other companies in the joint direct broadcasting by satellite (DBS) project are pressing the Government for a cheaper satellite system.

The Government has been insisting since the start of the project that it should use a British satellite system made by United Satellites, which comprises British Aerospace, GEC-Marconi and British Telecom.

The cost of the three-satellite, three-channel system with an eight year life has now risen to nearly £640 million.

The DBS consortium maintains that this price is far too high when comparable American systems can be had for half the price. So it is asking the Government either to allow the contract to go out to international tender or to lower UNISAT costs.

The recommendation is contained in a report on the project drawn up for the DBS consortium by Granada Television's Andrew Quinn.

The consortium, which also includes Thorn-EMI, Granada TV Rentals, Pearson, Virgin and Consolidated Satellite Broadcasting has agreed to pass the report on to the Satellite Board and the Home Secretary, and to ask Mr Quinn to continue his progress report.

Satellite system

Apart from its main recommendations on the satellite system, the plan foresees three million subscribers to the service by the sixth year and suggests that the cost of receiving equipment could fall below £300.

It is also believed to recommend the extension of the life of the project beyond 10 years.

No official statement of progress was made after the consortium's decision, but many of the participants are known to have serious reservations about the project. One of the major concerns is what programmes to put on the system to attract enough subscribers to make it financially viable.

RAC POST FOR ex-BL CHIEF

By Our Motoring Correspondent

Mr Arthur Large, 45, former company secretary at BL under Sir Michael Edwardes, is to succeed Mr Eric Charles as chief executive of RAC Motoring Services next March. Before joining BL he worked in North America and Europe for various US corporations.

A trustee of both the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust and of the National Motor Museum, Mr Large is interested in car restoration and regularly participates in the London to Brighton run. His other interests include mountain walking and narrow boating.

PUB WELCOME FOR JAPANESE

There's a real welcome in the hillside for Japanese businessmen who are building a £15 million video factory in North Wale. For each lunchtime they pop down to the local pub for Japanese dishes.

The licensee's wife, Mrs Norman Ashley, has a Japanese "special" each day for executives of the Sharp Corporation whose new factory at Llay, near Wrexham, is due to start production in February. Menus at the Crown are written in Japanese.

PONIES 'MUST DIE'

Owners of the pony herd on the Quantock Hills in Somerset, said yesterday that the animals will have to be slaughtered as plans for fencing the area to protect them from vehicles have been turned down by the National Trust, the major landowner. The Trust say that fencing will not be in the public interest.

WOMEN AS PRIESTS ISSUE

By Canon D. W. GUNDRY
Churches Correspondent

NEW clerical and lay members of the Church of England are to be elected to serve on the General Synod for a period of five years next autumn, and one of the election issues will be the ordination of women to the priesthood and, by implication, to the episcopate.

In November the General Synod decided to draft legislation to enable such ordination. Dioceses will be consulted for their views in due course.

But the final decision will be made in two or three years time, when there will have to be an affirmative vote with a two-thirds majority in all three Houses of the Synod — Bishops, Clergy and Laity.

Between now and September the Movement for the Ordination of Women will be intensifying its canvassing of candidates and the 40,000 deanery Synod members who alone vote to choose members of the General Synod. Among the electors are the 11,000 Church of England clergymen who elect their own proctors to serve in both the Convocations and the General Synod.

Less keen

The Movement is cheered by a recent Gallup Poll, in which 79 per cent. of active lay churchmen among the 945 clerics and laymen consulted as a sample indicated approval of having women priests. At the General Synod 65 per cent. of the laity approved.

The bishops consulted by Gallup, mainly suffragan and assistants, were less keen than the diocesans and representative suffragans in the General Synod; 85 per cent. voted in favour at the November session.

Forty-nine per cent. of Gallup bishops and 46 per cent. of the Gallup full-time clergy disapproved. Forty-eight per cent. of the Gallup clergy approved, compared with 37 per cent. at the General Synod.

The Anglo-Catholic Church Union and many Evangelicals will be opposing such ordination.

The General Synod election will take place by postal ballot in September or October.

CHURCH HOLDS SATELLITE CONFERENCE

By Our Churches Correspondent

Representatives of Christian Scientists recently gathered at a satellite - transmitted videoconference. The focal point was the mother church at Boston, Mass., from which the church directors urged members from 3,000 congregations in 140 countries to study the urgent needs facing humanity and bring healing to these challenges.

Reporters from the 75-year-old CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, one of the most respected newspapers, joined the meeting via satellite from the Royal Observatory at Greenwich.

Simultaneous translation of the conference was made by church and United Nations translators into Spanish, German, Danish, French, Swedish, Italian and Portuguese.

O' COME ALL YE . . .

The Rev Geoffrey Rayford, vicar of St John's, Frome, Somerset, is advertising for a congregation at the wedding of Americans Richard Morris and Linda Truesdell on Jan 5. The Morris family lived in Frome during the Middle Ages, but none of them are now left in the area.

SMELL SHOCK

By Our Staff Correspondent in Bonn

Forestry department officials in Düsseldorf, West Germany, have treated pines and firs with a special substance that will make the trees "smell horribly" if cut down and stolen for Christmas.

Obituary

FRANK NICHOLSON

Mr Frank Douglas Nicholson, 79, director of Vaux Breweries for 48 years, and chairman from 1952-76, died yesterday after a long illness.

Under his guidance, Vaux grew to be the second largest regional brewery in Britain and he became chairman, and later a vice-president, of the Brewers' Society.

Educated at Harrow, and Clare College, Cambridge, Mr Nicholson served in the Scottish Horse and Royal Artillery during the 1939-45 war, organising the Anglo-American supply mission to Saudi Arabia in 1944.

He was High Sheriff of Durham in 1949. Other appointments he held included chairman of the Durham Police Authority, Deputy Lieutenant of the County, and President of the County Association of Boys' Clubs.

Chan Si. At Moscow, aged 52. Prime Minister of Cambodia. Fought in guerrilla struggle against French colonial rule. Appointed Deputy Premier and Defence Minister in 1981 and promoted to Premier in 1982.

Professor Henryk Sawistowski. At London, aged 59. Distinguished career as a chemical engineer. Born Grudziadz, Poland, 1925; came to Britain 1946 after service with Second Polish Corps of British Eighth Army in Italy. Professor of Chemical Engineering at Imperial College, London, from 1976.

Professor Geoffrey Barraclough. Aged 76. Former holder of the Chichele Chair of Modern History at the University of Oxford 1970-73. Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve 1942-45. President Historical Association 1964-67.

Edmund Poole. At Sawbridgeworth, aged 72. Book designer and historian of music printing. Production manager at Chatto and Windus, 1960-78.

● LEFT: Course students looking at vineyard work in front of Château Loudenne.

● RIGHT: A serious session in the tasting room of the château's chai.

Pictures by AVRIL GROOM

Taking a tasteful journey around the chateaux

BY AVRIL GROOM

A WINE-LOVER'S favourite dream must be to sip the best claret in the gracious setting of a French château. Not only can anyone do just this — at a price — they can also learn a great deal about the wines of Bordeaux in the process. To set the wheels in motion, all they have to do is ask at their local branch of Peter Dominic.

The high-flown realms of the Bordeaux *premiers crus* may appear to have little link with a High Street chainstore, but Dominic's is part of the IDV group, which also owns Gilbeys, and at the old Gilbey family property of Château Loudenne, the prestigious Ecole du Vin course is held five times a year.

This six-day course has a delightful charm all its own—the small numbers make it intimate and our group of 11 quickly developed a camaraderie, founded on a genuine love of wine, which went on into meetings and letters after the course.

We were also able to meet the château owners and cellar masters, brought forward to tell us their wonderful secrets on a truly personal basis, often at delicious but always informal meals, where wine rarely and expensively seen here flowed like the proverbial water.

And then there was the lovely, tranquil atmosphere of Château Loudenne itself which, as well as being a noted producer of a good *cru bourgeois* claret and a white wine, is also Gilbeys' Bordeaux conference centre.

That bald term hardly does it justice, for staying there is like participating in a country house party which is at once both grand and homely. The low, pink-washed château with its square towers and twin turrets is one of the most northerly of the great Médoc houses and lies on one of the famous gravelly hillocks that give the best wine, with a sweep of terrace, lawn, flowerbeds and vineyard leading down to the wide estuary of the Gironde, from which the wine used to be exported direct.

Initially rather run down, the house was exquisitely restored in period style but with all modern amenities by Gilbeys' director Martin Bamford who sadly died just after the Ecole du Vin courses were launched two years ago.

The château is now run by a French couple, who prepare and serve the sumptuous meals, and the very efficient English chatelaine, who acts as hostess and is cheerfully tolerant towards her guests' foibles — in our group's case, a passion for late-night croquet, played by moonlight.

The course itself is five hard but very enjoyable days' work, plus the first afternoon, when the leisurely drive from the airport via all the famous wine communes and with stops to view some of the grander châteaux, became like reading a guided, animated wine list. The course is run by Peter Dominic's very friendly and quite unintimidating Master of Wine, Charles Eve, who rounded up an impressive bunch of lecturers.

Some talks were given in the château's own lecture-room, with tastings in the special room attached to Loudenne's *cuvier* (winery) and *chai* (cellar) that provided our first model of a working Bordeaux château. Here we learnt the process of wine making, including aspects of the technical side, the elements to look for in tasting a wine, care of the vines in the vineyard and the fascinating history of the Bordeaux wine trade, founded mainly by English and Irishmen.

We also visited other châteaux, making the dry text-book descriptions of the region's differing wines come alive—the austere, long-lived St Estèphe wine of comfortable Château de Pez, the aristocratic aloofness of *premier cru* Château Lafite, the softer glories of grand Château Giscours in Margaux and a whole day among the little hills and plateaux, generous wines and small châteaux of Pomerol and St Emilion.

What you do not do on an Ecole du Vin course is spend the time tasting just wines from great châteaux and great years — but that hardly relates to real life anyway. What you do, far more usefully, is make comparisons — one area of Bordeaux against another (all are included during the week), one château through ten or more years. Médoc wines from the classed lists of one year against another.

And, in the evenings, as a climax to the day, came the rare and the great with dinner. Even the final-day demonstration of local cooking, given by a young Bordeaux chef who is a rising star in French cuisine, was carefully matched to the chosen wines.

By the end of the week, anyone hearing chance remarks at a tasting would have thought us the most pretentious crowd imaginable — "Does this have a red berries nose or is it more farmyardy?" "Does the proportion of new-wood used each year really show?" — but the terminology of wine becomes not just plausible but commonplace when used intensively each day and we were all anxious to try in practice the theory we had acquired.

At the final, black-tie dinner, the guessing games were played with gems like Latour '64.

One or two stars got it exactly right; the rest of us felt just guessing the commune or the year correctly showed it had been a week well spent. Leaving next day was coming down to earth with a bump. We would all have liked to linger; some would have been more than happy to start all over again.

The Ecole du Vin course will cost £650 in 1985, not including travel to Bordeaux, but including all meals and transport once there. The first will be in April, the last in November and early booking is advisable as there are only 60 places per year.

The prospectus is available from Philip Parker, Ecole du Vin, Gilbey House, Harlow, Essex.

THE CREAM OF JERSEY'S TOP TABLES

EATING OUT BY BON VIVEUR

THE winter weather in Jersey was sunny and mild when, weary of set hotel menus, we cast about for some bright, quality, VAT-free restaurants.

Apple Cottage Restaurant, tucked into Rozel Bay's steep little valley, lies behind a low, flower-draped wall, down a flagged path to a shining door which is rose-festooned in summer. Step through into the roomy chintz and old oak restaurant, which Pat and Setti Pozzi took over three years ago.

The couple are famed for their super cream teas in summer and for their superb seafoods, whether the piled-high, pedestalled Sea Food Platter, with everything from oysters to giant prawns (£9·50) or their fresh-from-the-bay lobsters served cold, hot, or garlicky, as you choose, £9 to £9·50.

Having polished off large bowls of home-made vegetable and lobster soups, well laced with Jersey cream, we were tied into bibs for our lobster and jumbo prawns dishes. Then came melting, home-made apple pie with lashings more cream and excellent coffee. We ordered two long drinks too, and yet had 10p change returned to us from a £20 note together with the slip stating "no tips required."

If fish is not your "thing," you can revel in tender veal poached in cream or fillet steaks costing £4·25. A carafe of red white or rosé wine costs from £2·40.

Another "must" is **The Shakespeare Old English Restaurant** where the new bar is thronged on Sunday mornings prior to the best value and freshest Sunday lunches on the island for £5·50, at which Jack Stevens carves at each table from a great domed trolley which is wheeled about for him. The top rolls back, disclosing pork, lamb, beef and a crowded corner of hugely-puffed Yorkshire puddings.

It is wise to book, whether for Sunday lunch or for the Parisian Nights, when the price rises to £8·75. This buys first-rate accordion music, a six-course dinner menu plus coffee and an evening's dancing. On all occasions there is also the à la carte, featuring such notable successes as Crêpes Suzette (for two at £3·90), Crevettes St Pierre, a delectable dish of jumbo prawns wrapped in quality bacon and turned in a cream and light curry sauce (£6·60 for two) and the Carré d'Agneau au Pistou (£10·60, also for two), all very generous portions.

Your wine selection at the Shakespeare restaurant runs from a French-bottled range of red, white and rosé Selection du Patron at £3·05 per bottle to a ceiling £18·90 for a Gevrey Chambertin Louis Latour '79.

The **Restaurant de la Poste**, bang in the centre of the shopping precinct of St Helier, is a luncheon meeting place with partner Franco in charge, or a dinner celebration when Renato takes over.

Upstairs, this Italian trattoria serves a super Osso Bucco, great brimming bowls of the best Moules Marinières on the island, the tenderest Veal au Citron or à la crème, and a luscious selection of puddings.

The atmosphere is very family/friendly; nothing is too much trouble, you can leave messages or even parcels and the average cost of a three-course meal is £10 to £12 per head.

Last, but certainly far from least, is the smoothly admirable **Ristorante Il Capriccio** on two levels with, on the upper level, a full view of kitchen activities: always a hall mark of confidence. Signor Piero and his Signora are wildly enthusiastic, and their Italianate fare is excellent.

We chose Tagliatelli Il Capriccio, sauced with prawns, mussels and squid. This is definitely outstanding. We followed it with one enormous pair of veal escalopes with lemon and another pair poached in cream. Both were teamed with an assortment of freshly and properly cooked vegetables. Finally we indulged in a luscious chocolate gateau drenched in Jersey cream. With proper filter coffee and including a 10 per cent. service charge, our bill was just over £20 for two.

THE RESTAURANTS

APPLE COTTAGE RESTAURANT, Rozel Bay. Tel: 0534 61002. Hours of opening. Winter: lunch, 12 noon to 2.15, last orders; dinner, 7 pm to 9.30, last orders. In summer, teas from 12 noon to 5.30 pm. Morning coffee from 10.30. Closed Sunday evening and all day Monday.

RESTAURANT DE LA POSTE, 59 King Street, St Helier. Tel: 0534 71071. Hours of opening: lunch, 11 am to 2.30 pm, last orders; dinner, 7 pm to 10 pm, last orders.

THE SHAKESPEARE OLD ENGLISH RESTAURANT, Saumarez, St Clements. Tel: 0534 51537. Hours of opening: seven days a week, lunch 12 noon to 3 pm, last orders; bar lunch, 12 noon to 2 pm, last orders; dinners, 7 pm to 10.30, last orders.

RISTORANTE IL CAPRICCIO, La Colombiere Court, St Helier. Tel: 0534 34892. Hours of opening: lunch, 12 noon to 2.30 pm, last orders; dinner, 6 pm to 10.30 pm, last orders; closed Sundays.

On the road to recovery, after a prolonged bout of good resolutions

BY LORRAINE COLLINS

I USED to be hooked on New Year's resolutions, deciding that this was the year I'd lose 10 lb, open up a savings account, plant a herb garden, get a good photograph of the entire family, learn the rules of cricket and write Christmas cards before December 23.

In my mind, I would have the whole year neatly planned, awaiting nothing but my personal industry and inventiveness to turn it into a year of glorious triumph. It wasn't easy to give all that up.

Years of habitual use had made me dependent on New Year's resolutions, even when I knew from experience that in a matter of months, weeks, days, or even hours, I would begin to feel the depression that inevitably followed when the initial effect of the resolutions had worn off.

Last year I finally decided to quit, in a carefully controlled programme of tapering-off, with the support of understanding friends and relatives, and now that I am on the road to recovery, like every other reformed person, I want to share my message with the world.

I realise we live in a society which makes it very difficult for those of us who want to quit resolutions. I blame it on advertising which, especially at this time of year, makes resolutions sound attractive and even patriotic.

At parties and during tea breaks, people compare resolutions and urge the abstainer to try theirs. If we say: "No thanks, not this year," we are told that just one won't hurt, or it's perfectly safe, and not to believe everything we've heard about the damaging side effects. Believe me, when everyone else at a party is bragging about New Year's resolutions, it is very difficult to turn away from temptation.

Yet the fact is that some people can handle New Year's resolutions, and some of us can't. Those who can be both calm and well-organised 20 minutes before their first party guests arrive, and those who can carry through on career plans developed at the age of 12 can handle resolutions, at least in moderation. The rest of us are better off facing our situation for what it is.

Several times over the holiday season, I was saved from resolutions only by concentrating fiercely on February, repeating the word over and over to myself, trying to induce a trance. The effort has been worth it. My programme is working.

Last year I began by allowing myself only two resolutions for the year.

One was to see the bottom of the laundry basket at least once, and the other was to develop a warm relationship with my houseplants, so that they would flourish.

In August, when I still had not seen the bottom of the laundry basket, I gave the entire thing to a jumble sale in desperation, including two school uniforms and the only pair of matching socks my husband had to his name. The houseplants, of course, had turned their faces to the wall and quietly died in March.

The memory of just these two disastrous resolutions has sustained me throughout this season, but nevertheless it took quite a lot of will power and determination to choose just one resolution to see me through 1985.

I wondered whether I should resolve to plan menus for an entire month, never once including fish fingers, or whether I should resolve to find all the lids for my Tupperware. In the end, I felt that the last resolution should be historic, challenging, poetic and meaningful. It should also be one that would convince me without doubt that I should never try resolutions again.

At last, when the time arrived for me to write down my ultimate and historic resolution, I wrote: "For the entire year of 1985, I will refrain from telling my husband how many times I have asked him to fix the lock on the bathroom door."

If this resolution lasts beyond the second week of January, I have a more serious case than I thought.

NEXT week sees the start of the Knightsbridge sales, with the opportunity to indulge in something extravagant and glamorous to wear at a fraction of the original price.

How about the mad luxury of a shocking pink silk satin jumpsuit, or even a sequined evening dress by the Emanuels?

Alternatively, Jean Muir's J M range in Wool is reduced to half-price in Harrods' sale.

Harvey Nichols kicks off first on Thursday, Harrods starts Friday, Charles Jourdan on Wednesday, and Loewe, the leather specialists, on Monday, January 7 with some bargains in top-quality leather clothes.

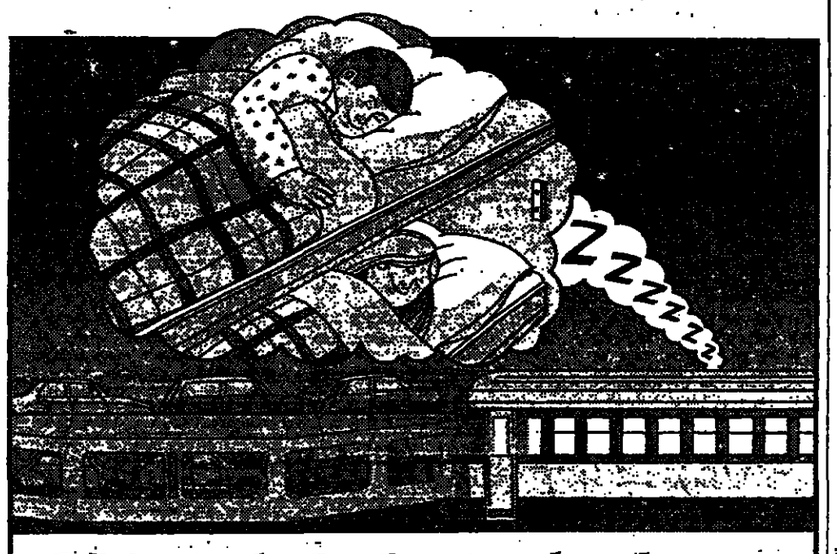
Round the corner in Beauchamp Place, Bruce Oldfield's shop holds its first sale of glamour outfits like the stunning dress we feature.

Also in Beauchamp Place, a new shop, Sava, which offers a very personal service, good alterations and professional dry cleaning, has big discounts on all merchandise during the Knightsbridge sales period.

Ann Chubb

BARGAIN BONANZA

In our sketch (by Lisa Hadjidaki) from left to right: stunning silk satin dress in silver grey with a Twenties air is reduced from £940 to £200 in a selection of bargains at Bruce Oldfield's sale starting January 4 at 27 Beauchamp Place, London SW3; beautifully-cut jumpsuit in shocking pink silk satin is down from £225 to £185 in sizes 8-18, also red, black or white at Sava, 5 Beauchamp Place. Unmistakable Jean Muir dress from her J M in Wool collection is down from £299 to £149 in fuchsia or petrol, sizes 8-14; only for the skinny: dress with skin-tight sequined bodice above floating silk shirt is down from £352 to £178, also purple, sizes 10 to 14, by Emanuel; fashionable lacy insets for a black crêpe Monica Chong dress reduced from £215 to £107, sizes 10-14, all in Harrod's sale starting January 4.



Travel extra — A SPECIAL FEATURE EDITED BY WINIFRED CARR

On the move

CHOOSING a traditional high-season holiday package that will be totally hassle-free is going to be harder than ever next year, with Britain's travel trade in an unprecedented state of uncertainty.

Last season's 20-odd bankruptcies among tour firms has rocked the entire industry, and the Civil Aviation Authority's decision to raise the level of financial safety bonds across the board is not in itself seen as a panacea for the trade's malaise.

Caused by over-fierce competition, it has been compounded by a reluctance on the part of holidaymakers to book up early for next year and provide tour firms with a healthy cash flow.

Bookings for next summer are some 30 to 40 per cent. down on normal levels at this season, largely due to financial worries caused by the miners' strike and to higher holiday prices overall, but also in part to people's hopes that by waiting a bit they may pick up bargains.

So how can holiday shoppers be sure nothing will go wrong? Alas they cannot. What they *can* be sure of, however, is not losing their money if their tour firm fails: the financial safeguards even for non-ABTA members make that virtually certain.

But few can be certain of not having to pay surcharges, with a weakening pound; and dates, timings and even venues of holiday could also be uncertain.

If your tour firm should fail before you go, for instance, the one that rescues you may not have the holiday you wanted.

If early bookings continue so sluggishly, tour firms will cut back their commitments and move clients about to "consolidate" their programmes. And if those "consolidations" are made too drastically and too soon, a holiday shortage will result and late bookers may be disappointed.

All in all, then, an unpredictable year ahead, with too many tour firms (some 700 of them) jostling for a market that, although expected to reach the 9 million mark, is still not growing fast enough to keep all of them in business.

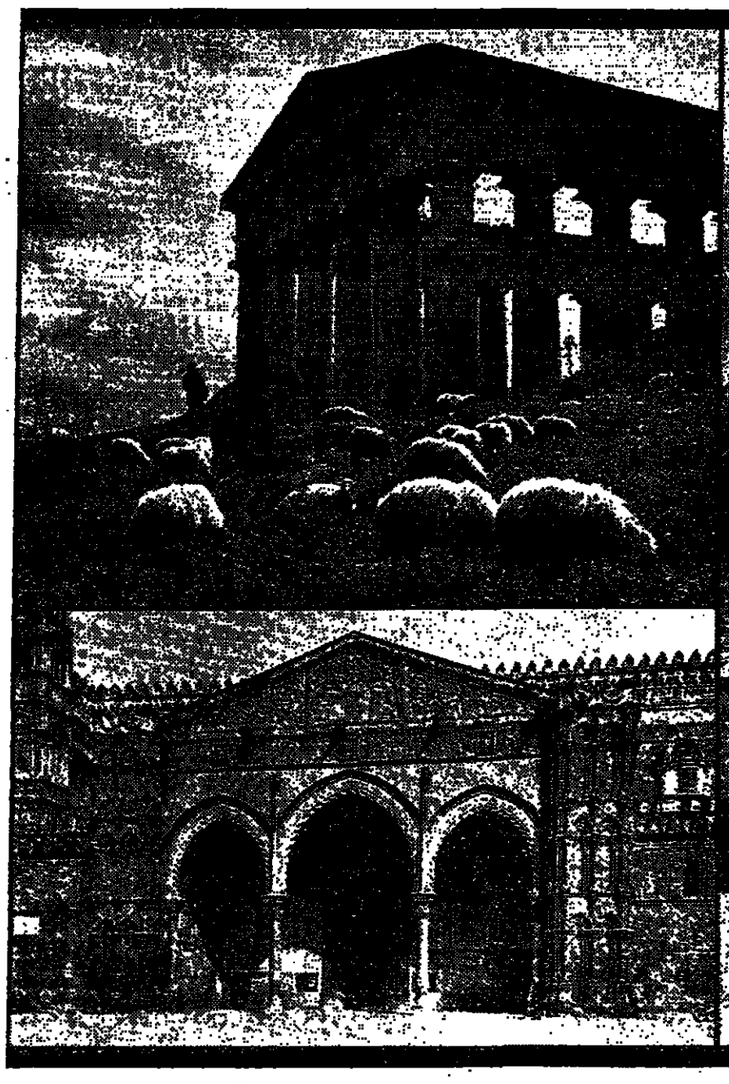
The safest short-term option for holiday shoppers is probably to book with one of the giant companies, but in the longer term that could be self-defeating.

The best holiday ideas have traditionally come from smaller, more creative firms. A holiday market dominated by giants who see their clients as mere units rather than living people, and whose main aim is simply to grow bigger at their rivals' expense, would soon become bland and boring, selling increasingly stereotyped holidays that could, as competition dwindles, become costlier too.

That is the gloomiest possibility, and it may never happen. I believe there are enough discerning people around to keep the smaller, specialist firms buoyant.

In this belief, we have taken an optimistic, get-up-and-go theme for this, the first of our 1985 travel features.

Elisabeth de Stroumillo



● Top left, sheep graze beside the temple of Segesta (picture: DOUGLAS DICKINS); lower left, the south porch of Palermo's cathedral (picture: ANTHONY KERSTING); above, fisherman at Cefalu (picture: PETER BAKER).

Self-drive is the way to see Sicily

BY AVRIL GROOM

THE tourist trade in Sicily is not exactly flourishing, with reports of theft, violence and the sombre shadow of the Mafia all seeming to conspire against it.

Surely nothing else can be causing the problems because Sicily, as well as being the largest Mediterranean island, is also one of the most fascinating and its people, at least in country areas, friendly and welcoming.

Certainly care is needed in the cities. One member of our party had her handbag stolen in Palermo and we met a couple whose car had been burgled there.

But the Mafia are more of an attraction than a threat to the tourist. At least one retired "godfather" regularly includes tourist lunches on excursions to the Mafia-dominated western hill-towns.

Beyond these reservations, Sicily has many delights especially in its less-frequented areas. The way to see it is really by self-drive car (though there is a good range of excursions from the main tourist centres). There are good maps covering the country roads that often lead to the most interesting destinations.

As a base, I would recommend Taormina, despite its off-centre location towards the north-east corner of the island. Its fame as a resort has lasted most of this century, based largely on its spectacular site, and it is within easy driving reach of many of the most interesting spots.

Taormina lies halfway up a precipitous shoreline mountain, with the huge cone of Etna only about 15 miles away and best seen in the classic view from the town's Graeco-Roman amphitheatre.

The town itself is charming, if tourist-orientated, and there is a wealth of good hotels, though those who enjoy the sea might be happier in Mazzaro at the bottom of the cliff, from where you can whizz up to the town by frequent cable-car for the princely sum of 60p return.

For a real luxury seaside holiday, nowhere could be more restful than the lovely old Villa Sant' Andrea, with its pastel-and-white-cane décor and beautiful antique furniture. It has a private beach and terraced gardens where you can eat.

Less exalted but extremely comfortable is the Ipanema, with its rooftop swimming pool. Both hotels do good versions of the local, seafood-oriented cuisine as well as more international cooking.

The obvious trip from Taormina is to Etna and, although there are frequent excursions, going by car is preferable because then you can pick your time and see the awesome mountain in suitable solitude.

The drive up is fascinating because the altitude and effects of the frequent lava-flows change the vegetation from sea-level lushness to barren tundra at about 6,000ft, where the road unceremoniously stops in a cluster of cratered slagheaps and souvenir booths.

From here, the way up used to be by cable-car but in summer '84 this was still unrepaired from the previous year's eruption. So we bumped up by specially-reinforced minibus, past eerie, fragile lava towers and snowbanks covered with newly-fallen ash.

We were lucky enough to visit during a period of "non-aggressive activity." The 11,000ft high main crater does little but steam these days and the action is confined to side craters. The guides will take you as near as is safe, and as this means trudging across spiky lava, snow and mud, strong footwear is essential. But standing feet away from a glistening, red, moving river of rock, quite silent apart from the tinkle of settling clinker, while one burns on one side and freezes on the other, must be one of the world's most eerie experiences.

A more relaxing day trip would be to Cefalù on the north coast, a delightful little fishing town under a great rocky headland. Less touristy than many resorts, it has an almost medieval atmosphere in its square shadowed by the huge Romanesque cathedral, and the narrow street leading down to the harbour has some good fish restaurants.

The pretty limestone hills of the Madonie, which form the hinterland to Cefalù, make an interesting detour.

We found our way to the local vineyards of Fontanarossa, above Cerda, whose wine is as good and robust as the freshly-made mozzarella cheese and mountain salami served with it, in an idyllic setting.

A longer trip to the south-west is through beautiful scenery to Piazza Armerina, site of some of the world's most spectacular Roman mosaics. Small wonder that a Roman emperor built a villa in such a peaceful, verdant valley and the mosaics deserve hours of inspection. There are acres of them showing hunting scenes, the Roman empire abroad, myths and gods, and even girl gymnasts in bandeau "bikinis" looking much like an aerobics class.

Piazza can be seen on the return from a longer trip: the best of Sicily's classical remains are at the western end of the island and merit an overnight stay. The hilltop Greek theatre and temple of Segesta; Selinunte, overlooking the sea with its reconstructed temples and yet more temples on the plateau below modern Agrigento, all have their own dramatic character.

A lovely place to stay would be Erice, at the far west end of Sicily, on a mountain top that rises sheer above the heat and saltpans of Trapani yet is often cool and foggy. Here, amid tiny medieval streets and total tranquillity, the small Hotel Moderne (double room with breakfast about £25) offers some of the best cuisine in the area, with particularly luscious sweets.

With Allegro Holidays a half-board week at the Villa Sant' Andrea costs from £374. At the Hotel Ipanema a week with half-board costs from £336; a hire-car is from £98 per week.

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The last of the splendour that was Trebizond

By Winifred Carr

THE graffiti on the bathroom wall of the old hotel in one corner of Trebizond's main square used to read: "If you wish to see the showers of Trebizond, pull the plug Aunt Rosie."

In another corner used to be a caravanserai, terminus and resting place for the camel caravans which travelled between Trebizond and Tabriz, 32 days away. Rightly enough, the site is now the local bus station.

Rose Macaulay's Aunt Dot and her camel must have lured many travellers to Trebizond. Probably the wag who wrote the now legendary graffiti was one, or he might have been with the team of British archaeologists working in the area.

The buses from modern Trabzon run along Turkey's Black Sea coast where Amazons ruled, from where the Romans carried the first cherry trees to Europe and the Pontic honey that drove ancient armies mad is still being gathered.

Hazelnuts are a more important export from Trebizond these days and one of the best customers is Cadbury.

Little is left to see of the glittering splendour of the last outpost of the Byzantine empire, or the earlier city re-built by Hadrian over the even earlier colony of Trapezeous where Xenophon's Ten Thousand reached the sea. The foundations of Hadrian's wall still outline the ancient city, but all that is left of the palace of the Byzantine emperors with its white marble floors, frescoed halls and gilded domes is an angle of crumbling stone walls and rubble abandoned by local builders who used the place as a free stone quarry for generations.

Some disappointment then for the photographers among us, who went off to the mountains to see the more spectacular cave monasteries. But the plus was in having as our guide one of the lecturers on our Swan Hellenic cruise, Professor Anthony Bryer, the Byzantinist scholar who has done field research in Trebizond.

Mothers brought their babies to their doors to look at us as we went through cobbled streets. British cruise ships only occasionally call into Trebizond.

Outside the town and beside the sea is the Hagia Sophia basilica whose 13th - century paintings have been restored by an English expedition working with artists from Istanbul. The church is now a museum, its graveyard a garden filled with roses, calla lilies and dark red geraniums.

A few days earlier we had sailed through the Dardanelles and the Bosphorous, and continued along the northern shore of the Black Sea.

We called in at Nessebur in Bulgaria, once ancient Messembria, a Greek colony built over the site of a Thracian settlement. Its Byzantine churches and more recent wooden houses fronting on to cobbled squares and streets have caused it to be turned into a carefully-preserved museum town, but unlike some others, it is lived in.

At Adamklissi in Rumania, we were dwarfed by the vast Roman war memorial built by Trajan to commemorate the men who died in the campaigns which subdued the Dacians and created a new Roman province.

Back at the local museum which now houses the statues and sculpted panels which decorated the frieze around the huge stone drum, a gypsy woman and her children were shooed away from our coach by a local guide. "They've no need to beg. They have work," he said.

Our ship, the Orpheus, followed us along the coast and back on board we sailed past Balaclava on our way to Yalta and Sochi.

At sea, we were back in our art class, for this cruise had artists Ernest and Eileen Greenwood on board, who ran the Orpheus Art Group and were kind even to those of us whose groups of trees they mistook for clumps of grass. And we listened to talks given by the distinguished academics who were travelling with us as guest lecturers.

One of them was the very new Bishop of Durham, the Rt Rev. David Jenkins, who was making his first visit to Russia. "The history of Russia indicates that it isn't merely Marxism that produces the Russian sense of centralisation," he told us. "It goes back to the identity of the Khans and then the Czars. The Khans embodied the state and commanded complete dependence on the state, autocracy, total subservience to the state, which we sometimes attribute solely to Marxism.

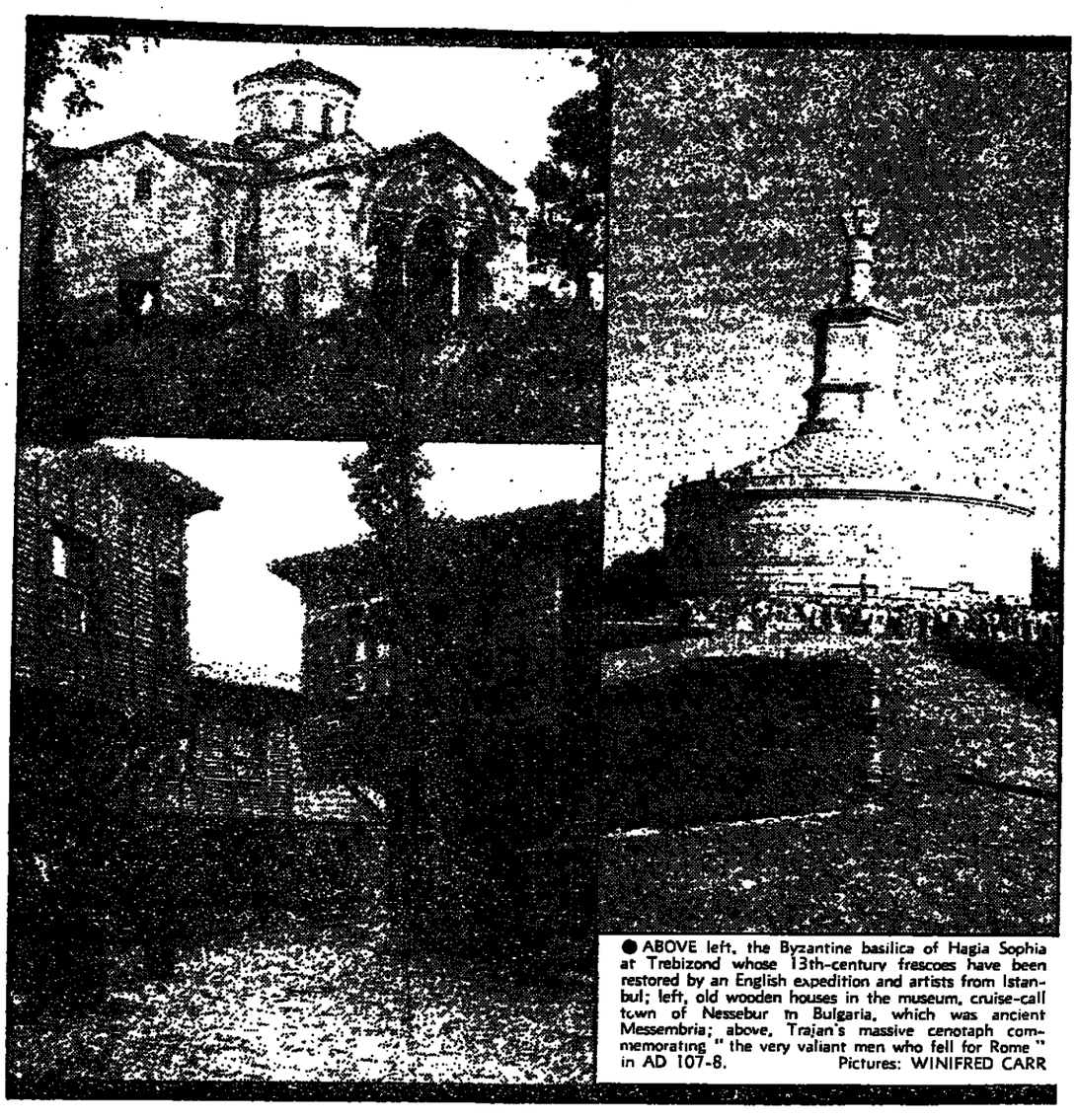
"In 15th-century Muscovy terror was used as an instrument of state power.

"The way in which Russia is run seems to be thoroughly Russian: namely, centralisation, collectivism and terror when needs be. Getting some understanding of the way Russia is run may be important to the survival of all of us."

There is dancing after dinner but no disco, bingo, cabaret, fruit machines, or fancy dress parties. There is sunbathing on deck, a pool, a choice of buffet meals or formal ones in the dining salon, shore excursions almost every day to great cities like Istanbul, Cairo and Athens and the most famous archaeological sites in the Mediterranean and Black Sea. Next year, for the first time, the ship goes through the Suez Canal for Luxor, Karnak and the Valley of the Kings and calls into Jordan's Red Sea port of Aqaba for an excursion to the rose red city of Petra.

The Black Sea will be cruised again, in June and August.

The first cruise of the year leaves on March 2; and the ship cruises without a break until the Christmas cruise in the eastern Mediterranean, finishing in Orpheus's home port of Piraeus on Jan. 2. Prices range from £777 a person for 13 nights including air fares to and from the ship, most shore excursions, all tips, travel insurance and a first class return ticket to Gatwick from your nearest British Rail station.



● ABOVE left, the Byzantine basilica of Hagia Sophia at Trebizond whose 13th-century frescoes have been restored by an English expedition and artists from Istanbul; left, old wooden houses in the museum, cruise-call town of Nessebur in Bulgaria, which was ancient Messembria; above, Trajan's massive cenotaph commemorating "the very valiant men who fell for Rome" in AD 107-8. Pictures: WINIFRED CARR

Taking in the spectacular fjord-show of Norway's coast

By Stephanie Ponsford

DRIFTING in eerie silence between great sheets of mountain bathed in midnight sun, we could have been on another planet. Cruise addicts would have it that sea-travel can be out of this world, and they are right.

Up in northern Norway amongst fjords so breathtakingly beautiful they almost stun the senses, the scenery even dwarfed the luxury of our liner. This ship, which had looked so massive against the quayside, was toy-sized compared to the soaring rock-faces in the fjords.

The Royal Viking Sky takes 12 days to sail from Copenhagen to Southampton, during which vistas of Oslo, Trondheim, Honningsvaag, Olden and Bergen slide by, punctuated by the neat, farmhouse hamlets strung out along the Nord and Geiranger fjords.

First stop is under Oslo's Akershus fortress, from where passengers can strike out, independently or with a tour, for the Hovikodden Arts Centre and its Ficassos, Miros and other works.

They can go farther afield if they wish, to Frogner Park, where Gustav Vigeland's sculptures, statues and vast, astonishing monolith of 121 intertwined figures make an evocative one-man show: and to the museum of Edvard Munch, whose paintings, etchings, lithographs, books, letters and documents reflect the life of this powerful Expressionist artist.

Another organised choice is to drive up to the dizzy heights of the Holmenkollen ski jump and on to a quintet of museums on the Bygdoy Peninsula, where Viking ships and other nautical themes vie with reconstructed folk buildings depicting town and country life over the centuries.

The great joy, of course, about going on to the next destination by ship is avoiding the formalities and frustrations of air travel. Passengers stroll on board into a seemingly endless procession of games, lectures, fitness sessions, parties, cabarets, dances and so forth, punctuated by multi-course meals served in a variety of elegant dining areas.

The Geiranger is the best possible introduction to Norway's spectacular fjord-show because of its mind-boggling heights. Laced with dazzling waterfalls and frosted lakes, it is particularly spell-binding on a summer's night with the sun still radiantly overhead: magical to watch from the deck in the early hours of the morning.

At Geiranger itself, cruise passengers without vertigo problems are taken up via Djupvasshytta mountain lodge to the Dalsnibba Observation Point at more than 5,000ft, before sailing on to the mediaeval, ecclesiastical and cultural attractions of Trondheim.

By this time, a combination of sequestered shipboard luxury and armchair scenery was so lulling that only a few of us chose to go ashore. I found the Nidaros Cathedral fascinating and the Modern Art Museum so inspiring that I spent hours in the shops hunting for less valuable reproductions of its sculptures, paintings and furniture pieces.

Royal Viking Line considers it has two of the world's finest ships. Though their biggest appeal is to Americans, the market from Britain is growing among people prepared to pay steeply for highly-cosseted sea-travel.

The mixed-nationality crew of the Viking Sky, all chosen from the top of their profession, mostly kept to their own deck when off-duty, but went ashore with the passengers in port.

Those of us prepared to forgo a sunny afternoon on deck while berthed at Honningsvaag drove up along rough roads to the North Cape Plateau, from where we sent postcards with special postmarks, allegedly much coveted by philatelists, and looked out over King Louis Philippe's bust to views of the open Arctic.

In Olden, at the end of Nord Fjord's innermost arm, we by-passed pretty houses and farms in the Upper Valley for a snowy walk on the Briksdal Glacier. At Bergen, urban highlight of the voyage, I found the wharf so enticing with its old wooden Hanseatic houses, that the organised excursion to Edvard Grieg's home seemed superfluous.

But another option would have been a visit to the 12th-century "Fantoft" stave church, strikingly reminiscent of the finials on Thai temples in Bangkok.

Next year, Viking Line will be charging from £1,495 for a 12-day package which includes flight to Copenhagen and an extra stop at Tromso. Major shipboard expenses are tips: £2 a day per head recommended for table waiters and the cabin stewardess. Drinks average £1·80 each.

Travel extra

Over the torrents, into the Himalayas

BY TANIA ADAMS

● Chinese folklife, top left: a young worker makes terracotta figures in a community village factory in Canton; lower left, constructive play—in a building site in Canton (pictures: ROGER OLIVER); below, pensioner Chinese-style with very venerable beard (picture: DOUGLAS DICKINS).

WITH the help of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, Bruce Simpson and I set out last summer to explore the possibilities of low-budget, independent travel in China.

Even in a relatively short time, there now exists a well-beaten track for tour groups and independent travellers alike. Using mountain bikes, we hoped to get well away from this path and to meet ordinary people rather than official guides.

We flew first to Peking, where we got our travel permits and spent some time building up a stock of the *remimbi* currency. (Foreigners are given "foreign exchange certificates" which, in remote areas, have never been seen before, so we needed local currency, too. This was easily obtained by buying in local stores and getting change in *remimbi*.)

We then headed north-west to Datong, close to the border of Inner Mongolia and 60 miles south of the Great Wall. We spent a week cycling beyond the wall into the vast rolling plains of Inner Mongolia before heading south-west to Sichuan.

Here the Himalayas come down to earth and from Chengdu we set out to see if we could cycle up into them.

In the north the roads had proved adequate, but cycling into the foothills, the surfaces deteriorated rapidly. Our speed dropped, the gradients became steeper and heavy rain would cause landslides that obliterated the track, or river-floods which would wash it away.

The first landslide we came to had been there for two months, isolating the whole area we wanted to get into. There appeared to be only one way round it: to cross the river and then recross it upstream.

Locals had rigged up a primitive pulley system over the torrent.

I had my doubts. The river was in spate and logs were constantly coming down it. Up-ended by the current, they only just cleared the wire.

But the bikes were strapped on and then the equipment, so we had no option but to follow. The locals loved every minute of my discomfort.

Having overcome this first slide, we were the only traffic on the road. We soon found ourselves among the ethnic minorities.

Ornate villages, where prayer flags fluttered in the wind, stood amid breathtaking scenery; each corner revealed a whole new mountain range more awesome than the last. Qiang women in their colourful traditional dress, the men with carved machetes tucked into their belts, waved from the fields.

In the evenings we would keep our eyes open for a suitable tent site; not easy, when every scrap of land is put to use. Invariably we would get the tent pitched and the billy on, and then hear the rustles of disturbed branches. No matter how discreet we tried to be, the curiosity-consumed locals would always find us.

Often they would insist that we return with them to their villages, warning us that it was too dangerous to camp. They would help us pack our gear and take us in procession back to their village.

The rest of the evening we would be treated as honoured guests.

In the morning we would be led to pre-arranged breakfast houses. The whole village would gather to send us off, always with panniers full of apples, pears and nuts. The hospitality we received was boundless.

The third stage of the trip, from the Himalayas to Canton, required careful planning. All the plains are cultivated and camping is forbidden, so we had to be sure we could cycle in a day between towns open to tourists as we had to stay in the specially-designated tourists hotels.

Even so, the most expensive outlay we had were the airfares; about £2,000 for two. In China itself we spent, on average, £4 a day each on accommodation and food.

Travelling by bike in China is not easy: bad roads and weather are just the start. It requires careful planning.

Currently, there are no rules or guidelines for it, but we hope that the Chinese government will use our trip as an example and develop the possibilities.

But, be warned: eight weeks is not long enough to do any country justice, especially China!

Wheeling down to Woodstock among the colours of autumn

By Mike Hardy

"NEW England in the Fall" said the advertisement in the cycling magazine. "Brilliant autumn colours, quiet roads."

I couldn't resist: so one autumn Saturday morning found me wheeling my bike through the departure lounge at Gatwick airport looking for my fellow travellers.

A mixed bunch, our ages ranged from 28 to 48, with just our interest in cycling as common ground.

Some six hours later we arrived at Boston and went by taxi to the railway station to catch the afternoon train to Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Meanwhile, Margot, our courier, loaded bikes and luggage into a rented truck and drove to meet us.

The cold and clear first morning we cycled a few miles down the road to sample our first American breakfast. We must have presented a strange sight, dressed as we were in varied garb, and our British accents caused a temporary hush.

After a huge breakfast we were issued with our route sheets and off we went at our own pace, Margot to follow later in the support truck, carrying luggage and looking out for stragglers.

We rode in ones and twos, allowing plenty of time for taking photos or just admiring the magnificent scenery, usually meeting at lunchtime for a cold drink and sandwiches before pottering off to the evening halt.

Down lanes and through covered bridges, we came into the pretty town of Manchester. A long climb took us into the Green Mountains, through the ski resort, of Bromley, and breathtakingly downhill again to Chester, where we stayed at The Stone Hearth Inn. Built in 1810, it had a creaking stoop, rooms smelling of beeswax, and was furnished in a comfortable, colonial style.

This had been our third day on the road and our group was beginning to develop a sense of camaraderie. After drinks at the Inn, we took the truck and dined in town (an average of 10 dollars bought an excellent evening meal). After dinner we returned to the Inn, where a pianola in the bar soon had an Anglo-American party in full swing.

The route to Woodstock followed the course of the River Ottaquechee, along a cycle path through woods beginning to show the dramatic foliage colours for which the area is famous.

Over the water, in New Hampshire. Picture: Douglas Dickins.

After two days' rest we headed into the White Mountains, which we crossed via the Kancamagus Pass at 3,000ft, followed by a 22-mile descent to Conway and our favourite inn.

Overlooking Crystal Lake, the Palmer House is where Frank and Mary Gospodarek have settled after 27 years in the diplomatic service. The food was superb: freshly-caught fish, home-grown vegetable, home-cured hams.

Easier roads through New Hampshire brought us to the Maine Coast, where we turned south, and from Portsmouth we caught a Greyhound bus for Boston.

Again by bus, we moved on to Falmouth in Cape Cod, where we rejoined Margot and the bikes for a lazy couple of days in the sun.

The cost of the autumn 1985 14-day tour is about £800, and the organiser is Bike Tours, PO Box 75, Bath.

Taking some rough walks back into history

● Turkey's delights: top left, the ravaged beauty that is Ephesus (picture: PETER BAKER); lower left, fishermen tend their nets at Bodrum; below, the mosque beside the city's harbour, with the castle in the background (pictures: ANTHONY KERSTING).

BY MICHAEL LEECH

ANCIENT olive groves, hot sun, a blindingly blue sea, and the ruins of once-great cities line the Aegean coast of Turkey.

You can have a memorable holiday here if, like me, you enjoy combining conventional pursuits with the exploration of things antique. In Turkey there are myriad half-hidden ancient settlements, the only sound the somnolent chirp of crickets and the chipping of the archaeologist's tool.

You can wander at will, as we did at Aphrodisias, in an overgrown garden of delights finding streets, rooms and squares among the columns and shattered tiles. You are left on your own to look where you wish, so it is sensible to take a guidebook — more sensible to take two or three, for in comparing we found that some dismiss a site briefly, some excite the imagination, some actually give factual information. (The Cape "Travellers' Guide" and the Nagel were best.)

Thus we tumbled upon Nyssa, straddling its mountain gorge and quite deserted except for a dozing guard airing his bare feet in the sun. Hurriedly he put on his shoes, took us around the site, and pointed out bits that one might otherwise miss. So we tramped up to the semi-circular *gerontikon* (meeting place of the elders), found the famous library, and walked through the Roman tunnel that vaulted over the mountain stream carrying on its arched brick back the main town square.

The site was but seven kilometres from the main road, yet seemed another world.

We tipped the guard a couple of pounds and he directed us to a local café, where we ate lamb roasted in an outdoor underground oven with pitta bread, along with an array of salads and yogurt. With wine the bill was about £1·50 each.

You will probably take in the major sites such as Ephesus and Pamakkule, and for those who don't want to drive themselves, there are day-excursions from such resorts as Kusadasi. (Ephesus about £8, Pergamon £16, about the same for Pamukkale.)

Entry to the sites is cheap (Ephesus at about 40p was the most expensive) and the hucksters selling everything from scarves to carpets are blessedly low-key. The sites are well marked with distinctive yellow road signs. Bodrum doesn't need such signs: it is a popular little place rather like a Turkish St Tropez, but here you will find ancient Halicarnassus.

There isn't much left of the famous mausoleum erected by a grieving wife of King Mausolus, and the Turks will remind you that large chunks of it are in the British Museum.

Of much more fascination was Knidos, for which you will need to take a boat from Bodrum's harbour, for the roads to this tiny place are poor. Knidos was the place where the famous statue of Aphrodite by Praxiteles stood in a blue marble temple on the hill — you can still see the floor of this circular building in a jumble of ancient rooms.

Allabanda, not far from Cine, on the highway, is a neglected place, part explored, but mostly under the straggling homes of a poor Turkish village. Learn a few words of Turkish greeting and bow your heads to the villagers, who respond at once with like gravity. The theatre is a great scoop of earth, the market or agora mere granite stumps in a field, the odeon a pile of giant stones across a field.

Miletos is easy to get to and is still being excavated. Here there is another massive theatre, complete with auditorium tunnels, so you can sense what it was like to attend a spectacle there.

Walking in Miletos is across rough terrain with rocks: it was easier in Aphrodisias, which is on a plain near the village of Geyre. Don't miss its museum, it has some splendid sculpture. The Turks are excavating here.

Connection Holidays do packages to Turkey. Stay-put holidays in Kusadasi are from £249 per person, half - board: fly - drive arrangements go from £229 for a week.

When beauty reaches its peak in that mountain air

By Rex Grizell

FROM our table by the window we looked out on a green valley with wooded upper slopes rising to a wall of mountains, snowfields glittering in the sunshine.

On the table before us was the overture to a feast: a dozen different dishes with a variety of fish, shellfish, saucissons, meat, and salads. Precious little room after that for the paella with huge prawns, and then the wild boar stewed with red wine and herbs.

"It must be the mountain air," we said, as we continued with a local cheese and a carafe of red wine, and finished with the Spanish version of crème caramel, slightly crunchy on top. Such was lunch, at a little more than £9 each, at the Parador National Valle de Aran in the Spanish Pyrenees.

We had come from France via Montrejeau, through the upper valley of the Garonne and into Spain on the N230, a remarkably easy road along the valley bottom, with no dramatic twists or climbs, and often beside the young Garonne tumbling clear over its rocky bed.

The parador stands just above the small town of Viella, which lies at the confluence of the Garonne and the Rio Negro. Viella attracts tourists both in summer and winter as it is an accommodation base for the ski slopes of Baqueira-Beret, and so has a number of hotels, and also another parador at Arties, a few kilometres distant.

These are only two of several paradors on the Spanish slopes of the Pyrenees which could be used on a motoring tour through this lovely region of green dales shaded by fine oaks and walnuts, of high mountain passes, dramatic gorges, trout streams and waterfalls.

The peaceful towns and old villages with their crumbling fortifications and 12th-century churches, the new ski resorts, the changing vistas of idyllic valleys and majestic peaks make this an area full of variety and pleasant surprise.

From Viella the main road leads through the longest tunnel in Spain (5km) to the southern slopes of the Pyrenees and the road to Lerida. We chose an alternative road east to Salardu, an attractive old place with a ruined castle, past the ski resorts, then on to the pass of Puerto de la Bonaigua (nearly 7,000ft) and on to Sort and Tremp, a switchback of valleys and mountain passes.

From Tremp you can carry on to Balaguer and then back up the valley of the Segre to Seo de Urgell, passing through the Organa gorge, with cliffs almost 2,000ft high.

At Seo de Urgell, a pleasant town with a fine 12th-century cathedral, you can take the road into Andorra. This little state, ruled jointly by France and Spain, was once a romantic and almost inaccessible mountain fastness. It is now a paradise only for bargain hunters and tax refugees. The one main road runs the gauntlet of every kind of duty-free shop.

In August it can take hours to cover a few miles and, if you are on your way to France, you arrive at the bottom of the highest road pass in the Pyrenees, the Puerto de Envalira (7,905ft), with the car engine already boiling.

The alternative from Seo de Urgell is to take the road to Puigcerda and the green valleys and rolling hills of the Cerdana, and on to Ribas de Freser and along the riverside to Ripoll. The scenery on this route is gentler with beautiful spots for quiet picnics.

From Ripoll you can take the road to Vich and its parador, or carry on to Olot and Figueras to join the autoroute, or spend a night in the Hotel Duran, with its excellent restaurant, in Figueras.

A tour in this region should be taken in a leisurely manner, going wherever fancy takes you, making your own choices and discoveries. It would be a pity to make the trip without staying in at least one parador, though their accommodation prices have doubled in the past few years. (A double room, half-board, averages £37 in May/June).

It is best to go in early summer, from mid-May to mid-July, when the sun is still high and day lingers on, and the roads are almost empty.

Fly-drive to Toulouse: £172 apiece for two for a June week, with Air France.

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A POUND LIKE ALICE

OTHER TIMES, OTHER CUSTOMS. Seventeen years ago HAROLD WILSON's devaluation of the pound was widely interpreted as a national humiliation, from which his first government was never fully to recover. Today, as sterling shrinks as fast as Alice towards an unimagined parity with the dollar, the news is greeted with applause in Throgmorton Street and hardly rates a headline. Such are the changing perspectives of fashion.

The response of the Stock Market is eminently logical. A $1·15 pound is as good for corporate profits as the $2·40 of four short years ago was bad. The insouciance of the authorities is somewhat more debatable. To the extent that a plunging pound is no more than the reflection of a stratospheric dollar, benign neglect is assuredly the course of wisdom. Dearer dollars mean richer pickings for the Treasury from North Sea oil, and richer pickings for the private sector from the soft underbelly of the American market. The headaches are on the brow of Mr VOLCKER, chairman of the Federal Reserve. Similarly a "hands-off" approach is justified toward the repercussions of speculation about a collapse in the price of oil. This could eventually hit the Chancellor's oil revenues and call in question the profitability of some North Sea oil. But the accompaniment of weak commodities should do much to mitigate the impact of dearer imports on domestic expectations of inflation.

In two respects, however, the Government will need to watch its step. Were the latest attempts to patch up Opec's cartel to tear apart, then the Chancellor's ambitious plans for tax reductions in the spring would have to be deferred: indeed some recoupment of lost oil revenues might well be required. But even if Opec does contrive to hold together, the accumulating evidence of loose credit conditions indicated by the rate of private borrowing, and of public spending overshooting, is not to be ignored. The Government is going to have to do a lot of funding in the months up to the budget; and if that proves incompatible with current rates of interest, then a Chancellor who wishes his commitment to continued progress with inflation to be taken seriously must be prepared if need be to contemplate a higher rate to tempt the saver.

DEALING WITH LIBYA

NOT FOR THE FIRST TIME Mr TERRY WAITE, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, has done very fine work in negotiating for the release of four British citizens held as hostages by the Libyan Government of Col. GADDAFI. What will happen in the case of Mr MAXWELL, another victim, is not resolved. No praise can be too high for both the achievement and the personal bearing of Mr WAITE, one of those Anglican clergymen who win the natural respect even of those who do not share the Church's beliefs. What we must not do, however, is to respond to Col. GADDAFI's fairly straightforward psychological ploy by clapping our hands like fools and saying: "Oh wonderful, let's be friends all over again." Rather too much blood has run under bridges for that. It is often supposed that the British have defective memories and in their amiable latitudinarian way, will thrust any iniquity into oblivion for the sake of rubbing along with the offender. The memory of WPc YVONNE FLETCHER is green: we saw too many pictures of that girl's body to be greatly impressed by protests from Libya at this late hour that her murder was the "act of a madman." That wasn't what the Libyans said at the time!

We also recollect that, to our lasting shame, the forms of diplomatic protocol were so nicely observed that the man who took that girl's life went home with a police guard protecting him. The Home Secretary lost respect in that episode so one is pleased to hear that the Foreign Office response to West Arabian small talk has been distant and cool. It should stay cool. We are anxious to protect or release our citizens. Most people think it an act of folly to go to Libya or to stay there. But we do not seek normal relations with Libya because it is not a normal country. When Britain arranges attempted assassinations of British students in Stockholm or offers the Swedish metal workers union subventions to finance a major strike or promises funds to violent separatists on a Baltic island, we shall expect and deserve unfriendly, undiplomatic and ultimately extinguished relations with the Swedish Government. As it is, civilised and rational people should keep together and deal with one another, even if there is some antipathy. The present régime in Libya simply does not belong.

The language of God

By the Very Rev. MICHAEL STANCLIFFE
Dean of Winchester

TRUE listening and not least listening to God requires expectancy, attention and responsiveness. But how can we suppose we can listen to God? Is it suggested that he literally makes sounds which our eardrums can register? The Hebrews, in their early days at least, believed precisely that.

This may seem strange, even childish and ridiculous, to us children of a scientific age, but we should realise that they did not have any difficulty about this because it was one of their fundamental beliefs that when God did any mighty work he performed it not by hand but by mouth. He *said*: "Let there be light," and there was light (Genesis 1.3). By the *word* of the Lord were the heavens made (Psalm 33.6). And because they took it for granted that this was so they assumed that in any unusual, loud, or unexpected sound—the crash and rumble of thunder, the roar of mighty waters, the drumming of torrential rain, the whistling and shrieking of storm-force winds and even the sound of a slight breeze if it came unexpectedly—God was speaking. And while the ordinary man might not be able to understand *what* God was telling them in such sounds, there were certain individuals who possessed the power to interpret them and translate the language of God into the language of men.

There is evidence that such thinking survived into the New Testament period: "A voice sounded from heaven . . . The crowd standing by said it was thunder, while others said: 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus replied: 'This voice spoke for your sake . . .'" (John 12.28-30). But by that time it had come to be more generally understood that the language of God was a language of visible signs, such as a burning bush or the appearance of an unknown star, rather than one of audible sounds; and further, that in certain gifted individuals the voice of God was an inner voice speaking in the heart of those individuals.

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THIS BRINGS US to the phrase which Christians have recited in the course of the Liturgy week after week for centuries, confessing their belief in the Holy Ghost "who spake by the prophets." More of this next week.

Church services tomorrow—P8

STAN GEBLER DAVIES reflects on the scene of Mr Reagan's visit

Ballyhoo, the story of a small Irish village

The main street of Ballyporeen today, in front of the Ronald Reagan Lounge. The hoped-for flood of tourists failed to materialise.

IT is thought a pity in Tipperary that Mr Mondale did not put up a better show in the American Presidential stakes. Not that they wanted him to win, for that would have been a disaster for the nascent Reagan tourist industry, but they are a betting people who could not find a bookmaker or even a visiting Democrat demented enough to offer odds on the election.

Ballyporeen expected its exiled son to win his second term and hopes only that he will spend more time there than was available last June. It is whispered that he told the American ambassador just that after he left: "I wish I could have stayed longer. . . ."

A flood of tourists did not materialise. The locals, inclined to take all things but "sport" lightly, are not much worried: if there is a flood of Americans next year in search of roots they will be very happy to cater for them, but if there is not they will get by very well without them.

The main street (indeed the only street) is curiously reminiscent of the set of a Hollywood Western at the moment when the bad guys are about to turn the corner and open up on the Sheriff as he strides, alone, past the saloon, to meet them. This cannot have occured to Ronald Reagan who, in any case, was usually cast either as the bad guy or as the weak guy who loses the girl and takes a bullet, since the street was packed with 4,000 strangers when he was there.

The backdrop could not be more spectacular. There are mountains on either side. Not much activity is evident. The bus from Cork to Clonmel passes through on an autumn afternoon. Some curious faces stare out at the Ronald Reagan Lounge but only one person alights. He nips smartly into another of the six pubs and conducts his business, whatever it is, in 30 seconds flat while the bus waits.

Across the road is so far the only concrete evidence of the visit, in the shape of twin memorials. A sign on the side of the handball court proclaims a Ronald Reagan museum, which has yet to be built, but the President did unveil a plaque.

The other memorial is ungraced by the Great Seal of the President of the United States but is none the less appreciated. Sited sensibly opposite the church and completed in time for the visit is a pair of public conveniences constructed and maintained to a high standard.

When the locals are not talking about himself from Washington or pulling the legs of tourists, they have recourse to their own traditional amusements. These include the venerable pastimes of watching television or playing pool in O'Farrell's bar, while the sport offered by their incomparable surroundings is not neglected by the natives of Ballyporeen. Finch-catching was once popular. The technique, it was explained to me by the last practising birdman, was first to secure a male specimen and glue him to a tree branch. He would, in his loneliness, commence singing, and would, in due course, be joined by some admiring female member of his species. It was the work of a moment to free the female from the glue which had trapped her also, and pop her in a cage.

"They would fetch a pound each," I was told, "but that was before budgerigars caught on." I bought the man a pint.

The shooting is excellent, though it is not conducted precisely as in Norfolk or Yorkshire. As elsewhere in rural Ireland, the locals are organised into gun clubs and bang away at ducks, woodcock and the pheasants they breed themselves. They hardly bother with pigeon and the snipe from bogland is thought to be too fast and tricky to be worth blasting at, besides it taking too many of them to cover a plate.

There is a remarkable parliamentary forum nearby. In 1833, when the Presidential great-grandparent was four years old, an agricultural labourer named Condon dropped a crowbar down a crevice while quarrying rock. He went looking for it and found a vast system of caves undisturbed for 300 million years.

I was ambling my way to these Mitchelstown Caves, as they are called (Mitchelstown is the nearest metropolis) when I met the bard of Ballyporeen.

I was overtaken by an elderly gentleman in a motorcar. Overtaken is perhaps an exaggeration. He was proceeding at slightly more than walking pace and I at slightly less. Presently I perceived he had stopped altogether. When it had been established that I sought the caves he insisted on taking me there because he knew very well where they were and I, not having been there, did not know at all.

He released his handbrake (the road was dead level at this point) and inched off in the direction of the Galtee Mountains. The Knockmealdowns, across the valley, were behind us. He is Seamus O'Kelleher, the poet pursued unsuccessfully before the visit by hordes of newsmen desperate for a story. He has the air and demeanour of a retired schoolmaster entitled to respect, which he is, and which he gets. He is author of the ode to Ronald Reagan which the President, alas, had not time to hear.

Mr O'Kelleher applied the handbrake and, halted, addressed the highest peak in the range before us. He quoted from his ode:

An Gailte Mór is gloire i ngreim
Ag dearcadh anuas ar mhaorgacht eile:
An Abhainn Dúaig 'na caise cheoil
Ag glóráil soir le greann duit.

These mellifluous sounds await the President on his return. They speak of the mountain, glorious in the sun, looking down now on a greater majesty and the river, amused, making a humorous sound for him — just the thing for a visiting President next time.

● **Ferdinand Mount will resume his Commentary next week.**

LONDON DAY BY DAY

A Kentish castle for Arafat?

YASSER ARAFAT, the Palestinian Liberation Organisation leader, who is expected to visit Britain shortly, poses a major security headache which could, I hear, be solved by one of the richest men in the world.

Some 50 attempts have been made on Arafat's life. His presence in Britain on a private visit completely rules out ordinary hotels or houses.

One possible base for the former terrorist could be provided by Sayed Mohammed Mahdi Al-Tajir, the billionaire United Arab Emirates Ambassador in London, who has half a dozen homes here—many equipped with the necessary security precautions.

His splendid Palladian house, Mereworth Castle, which stands amid 550 acres of parkland and forest in Kent, is seen as the most likely headquarters for Arafat. With an indoor tennis court, heated swimming pool, 14 man-made lakes, nine bedrooms, eight dressing rooms and seven staff flats it provides all the space and security Arafat and his men will need.

Brian Empringham, the BBC World Service announcer, surprised his colleagues at Bush House on Christmas Day when he turned up in morning dress to introduce the Queen's message to the Commonwealth. While the radio audience, of course, missed the gesture it was one of which the corporation's founder Lord Reith would have most heartily approved.

Etonian first

NOEL BLAKISTON, the former principal assistant keeper at the Public Records Office who wrote short-stories in his spare time and who has died aged 79, was the first Honorary Fellow to be elected by Eton for more than 300 years.

In 1938 he was recruited by the then Vice-Provost, Sir Henry Marten, to catalogue the archives of the college estates—more than 10,000 documents from the early Middle Ages to the end of the 19th century.

Blakiston, honoured by his alma mater in 1974, had a vivid memory of his schooldays. He was approached on the cricket field one day by George Orwell, who announced:

"I am collecting the religions of the new boys. Are you Cyrenaic, Sceptic, Epicurean, Cynic, Neoplatonist, Confucian or Zoroastrian?"

"I'm a Christian," replied Blakiston. "Oh," said Orwell, "we haven't had that before."

Out of steam

IT IS only two and a half years since the name of the carrier Hermes was on everyone's lips when she was the flagship of the Falklands task force. Today the ship lies in Portsmouth harbour, still at 30 days notice for sea but in reality a mere shadow of her former might.

A colleague who visited recently reports that the junior ratings among her 100 skeleton crew now occupy the wardroom while the officers have taken over the captain's accommodation.

Hermes has always been a versatile ship as one of her former officers Lt. Cdr Tony Dyson recalls in a new book, "HMS Hermes 1959-84." During the carrier's quarter of a century of service she has been a conventional aircraft carrier, a Commando ship and an anti-submarine helicopter carrier, a role she finally combined with operating Sea Harriers during her most vital South Atlantic mission.

Lamb to the slaughter

A BRIEF service will be held today at All Saints Church, Edmonton, to commemorate the essayist Charles Lamb, who is buried there and died 150 years ago this week.

Remembered now for a few essays and his "Tales from Shakespeare" Lamb tried his hand less successfully as a playwright. His play "Mr H" was hooted from the stage at Drury Lane and he said he joined the hissing himself.

Significantly, it crossed the Atlantic and was a great success in America.

Hit of the day

TERRORIST hit-lists are getting longer all the time and some highly unlikely names now regard themselves as prime targets, according to a list published in EXECUTIVE INTELLIGENCE REVIEW, the house organ of those American institutions devoted to discovering reds under the bed.

The latest issue numbers Lyndon and Helga Zepp-LaRouche alongside more obvious targets such as President Reagan and Rajiv Gandhi. Lyndon and Helga who?

Close examination of the REVIEW shows Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr, is founder and contributing editor of the publication.

I am intrigued to learn that Reading West Conservative Association (member of parliament Tony Durant, a Government whip) has moved its offices into the same building as the British Damp Course Association.

Flags of convenience

MY NOTES about Whiskey, the Scottie dog whose wartime service was recalled in a plaque unearthed at the Army Air Corps Centre at Middle Wallop in Hampshire, prompted recollections from one reader of a dog which appears to have served with the British and German armies, the Indian Army and the RAF.

The dog, a black Aberdeen terrier, was found tied to the wrist of a dead German officer after the first battle of El Alamein. Its captor, an Indian Army officer, discovered that the animal already understood commands in English and surmised that it had belonged to a British soldier.

The animal accompanied him to the staff college at Quetta and was later handed over to members of the RAF in the Middle East. It may even have been passed on to Royal Navy staff serving at Naval headquarters in Aden—and if so, must have had a more varied career than anyone else in the 1939-45 War.

Hard act to swallow

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S cricket captain and former England batsman Geoff Cook is recuperating at home after a major throat operation which temporarily placed him in intensive care.

Cook, currently chairman of the Cricketers' Association, has found great difficulty swallowing for the last 18 months but the operation, involving the removal of a rib, now means he will be fully fit before next season.

The operation has caused Cook to spend his first winter at home, instead of touring, since 1977. It will also enable him to enjoy the dinners prepared in his honour during his benefit season this coming year.

No offence meant

WOULD-BE airline passengers are not advised to read too much into the titles of programmes sold recently by BBC Enterprises to both El Al and Saudia Airlines, a feat of which they are proud and which demonstrates proper BBC impartiality.

Christmas treats for El Al travellers were "Are You Being Served?" and for Saudia a "light-hearted thriller" after Dornford Yates called "She Fell Among Thieves."

Drop in the ocean

GUILTY consciences among the nation's taxpayers appear to be on the increase. The latest Consolidated Fund Account for 1983-84 presented to Parliament shows that the amount of "conscience money" received by the Treasury is up by nearly 50 per cent., from £1.030 in 1982-83 to £1.520 last year.

According to the Treasury, the money comes in anonymously from people who have evaded taxes or received social security benefits to which they were not entitled.

Clearly, most consciences remain untroubled by such frauds. The sum repaid represents just a drop in the ocean of the total Consolidated Fund receipts last year of £39,853,895,692.

Stab in the Offenbach

FROM THE LEICESTER MERCURY: "Mr Knapp, the new director of opera at the Royal Academy of Music where he has just produced All Fierce in the Underworld, will present A Christmas Celebration with words and music at the end of this month."

PETERBOROUGH

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sloppy clues to cipher codes

SIR—Your Science Correspondent's intriguing article on ciphers (Dec. 24), overlooks the fact that, although mathematics and computers are vital to the penetration of any cipher system, far more messages are likely to be decrypted due to sloppy cipher and keying procedures by bored operators, defectors, or the retransmission of high-grade material in either low-grade ciphers, or even plaintext, as occurred during the Bismarck action in 1941.

When the German Enigma electro-mechanical cipher machine of the last war was used correctly it could not be broken and, indeed, many keys including the Gestapo TGD, Pike, Thetis, Barracuda, Tibet, and the Special Cipher 100, all survived the war intact despite considerable daily use.

Any cipher system handling volume traffic under difficult combat conditions must be capable of being clearly and easily understood by those involved without too much complexity. Otherwise messages reach their destination corrupt requiring endless repetition which affords cryptanalysts additional opportunities to eavesdrop, and operators will become bored and start taking short-cuts such as using the same key twice over, or adopting identical prefixes for routine traffic.

Moreover, if the system uses a key of any kind it is immediately vulnerable to capture or theft by a spy or defector, which raises the risk of how much past ciphertext can be retrospectively exposed as happened when Igor Gouzenko, the Russian cipher clerk, defected from the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa in 1945.

It is because of these problems that today all important military and political traffic is sent by telecipher, a combination of an electronic one-time pad with an ordinary telex, which has the advantage of being able to use normal public circuits, because its ciphertext output consists only of random letters, often padded out with bogus text to confuse traffic analysts.

Even here there are points to watch. The random key must never be used twice, and the plaintext of the messages must not be revealed in the same format as they were transmitted.

This is why, for example, we cannot see the exact texts of the messages sent by the Ministry of Defence to HMS Conqueror during the Belgrano action, since the Russian equivalent of GCHQ will have intercepted and recorded these and an insight into even part of the plaintext would give them the opportunity of reconstructing the random key tape for that period.

JAMES RUSBRIDGER
St Austell, Cornwall.

Speed of light

SIR—An error crept into my Christmas science quiz of Dec. 24. Question 6 should have read: "How long would it take for a light beam to traverse the diameter of the earth's orbit?

ADRIAN BERRY
Science Correspondent,
Daily Telegraph.

BBC sponsors

SIR—The BBC is probably the best broadcasting organisation in the world. It maintains — and deserves — high respect in other countries. Some quality television programmes, would clearly be ruined if commercials were inserted, or even shown before and after them. Popular peak broadcasts on radio and television would not suffer as much.

Commercial support is possible without overt advertising, *per se*, indeed it appears to happen already. In particular, sports events appear with clear indications of their sponsors. "celebrities" blatantly advertise their latest book or album or current show.

The majority of us BBC devotees are really only concerned with the maintenance of two things: standards and independence. If commercial sponsorship can help to achieve this, for the benefit of viewers and listeners—and at the same time keep the fees down—we shall not mind.

DAVID WARD
Totnes, Devon.

How lawyers can cut costs

SIR—Mr H. J. Morgan (Dec. 20) is concerned about deals being done in the corridors of courts and thinks it was time the Law Society and Bar Council looked into the business of "corridor deals" to ask themselves whether arrangements to settle could not be arrived at long before the parties come to court.

Mr Morgan should realise that lawyers spend a considerable amount of time persuading clients *not* to spend money on legal services but to settle the cases before substantial costs are incurred in court.

Unfortunately clients often do not accept such advice. If, as in the case Mr Morgan quoted, it is a dispute between a landlord and tenant, the parties already have had many dealings with each other and have probably decided to make a stand on "a question of principle."

This may be loosely interpreted as refusing to give an inch until compelled to do so and, if the party does not get what he wants, deciding to get some satisfaction by refusing to pay his solicitor's costs.

Once the parties are in the corridors outside the court, and the possibility of having to go in the box and give evidence and be cross-examined becomes not just a distant possibility but a reality in the next hour, a more reasonable attitude prevails which would not have been thought possible when the parties were still fighting their action through solicitors' letters.

It is for this reason that there exists in county courts a "pre-trial review" in which the Registrar sorts out the issues between the parties and very often an opportunity arises for settlement.

However, no lawyer can compel a client to settle and if he wishes to continue, the only recourse a lawyer has is to insist that his costs are paid in advance since afterwards it is a well-known principle that nothing evaporates with a greater speed than gratitude.

However, in many cases the parties are legally aided and with the knowledge that the State will be paying the lawyers' fees, the parties are prepared to fight to the last drop of the State's blood.

Lawyers have a duty to ensure that Legal Aid moneys are not wasted; far from the Law Society and Bar Council "looking into the business of corridor deals," the two professional bodies concerned actively encourage lawyers to negotiate settlements and prevent a waste of legal aid funds.

I do find that much criticism of lawyers come from people without much practical knowledge of that which is happening.

Those with such practical knowledge dismiss the criticisms with a weary smile as not worth the trouble of putting right.

JAMES CHALMERS-PARK
Pinner, Middx.

How's that!

SIR—One reads reports implying that cricket umpires in India and Pakistan are incompetent. This is not so.

An umpire standing in a first-class match must have perfect eyesight and needle sharp reflexes to monitor the progress of a ball travelling at up to 100 mph and to make immediate decisions relative to each ball bowled.

I am sure that all Indian/Pakistani umpires standing in Test Matches are entirely capable of reaching the correct decisions. The only trouble is that many of them do not.

I played a lot of cricket in East Pakistan and we were always taught that we must never, when batting, allow a ball to strike a pad or we would certainly be given out. When a pad was struck it was usual for every member of the fielding side (including cover point, square leg, deep third man) to leap in the air and appeal for lbw.

Once when I was batting I allowed a ball to strike me on a pad; there was the usual 11-man appeal.

When I noticed that the umpire at the bowlers end also raised his arms and shouted "how's that," I knew it had to be close. That was 30 years ago and it seems that nothing has changed.

I. C. G. SCOTT
Edinburgh.

Helping hand

SIR—As the £1 coin is here to stay, perhaps the British male will now accept the man's handbag and realise that it will improve his appearance and help to lengthen the life of his suits.

J. A. HORNE
Southampton.

Tender thought

SIR—What has happened to mutton these days? Everything is lamb . . . are the lambs being born three times as big?

I never see mutton advertised at the butcher.

CAVAN O'CONNOR
London, W.14.

The next step for Stansted Airport

SIR—Reduced to statutory essentials the last Stansted Airport inquiry arose out of a planning application "called in" by the Secretary of State for the Environment for his own determination.

In such circumstances the Secretary of State, in effect, assumes the status of a local planning authority and, in dealing with the application, he has a statutory obligation to have regard to the provisions of the development plan for the area in which the site is situated — so far as they may be material to the application — and to any other "material" considerations.

All such considerations, I venture to suggest, have been thoroughly examined at a prolonged inquiry held by a Queen's Counsel whose wide experience in the planning and development spheres is well known. His report and recommendations have now been submitted to the Secretary of State and published.

For the purposes of this letter the fact that the Minister of Transport has a concomitant jurisdiction in the case can, I think, be ignored. It is the Secretary of State's job to deal with the planning application and to decide whether planning permission should be granted in respect of it, refused, or that it should be put aside for one reason or another. I suggest that he has no other way out of this situation, the relevant statutory provisions being quite clear. His decision on an application so referred to him "shall be final."

Unusually, the Inspector's report and recommendations upon the Stansted Airport application are not accompanied by the customary "decision letter" on behalf of the Secretary of State. On the contrary, according to your columns, a parliamentary debate is expected to follow the publication of the report and it is said that "Minister(s) will then make a decision which . . . may be announced in the spring."

It seems to me that this process is bound to cause uneasiness. The question is whether a parliamentary debate on the subject is a "material consideration" which the Secretary of State may justifiably take into account in dealing with the planning application by decision I venture to doubt it. Moreover, it might be said that such a debate would be a form of inquiry in which actual parties, whose representations have been accepted for hearing hitherto, are denied participation.

If such a procedure is going to be followed in the Stansted case how could it be released in relation to any other application "called in" for Ministerial determination? Furthermore, since the Secretary of State's duties as an appellate authority in planning appeals spring from the same statutory source, is it not likely that Parliamentary debates might be urged as a precursor to appeal decisions in selected cases, to the confusion of the present system?

For the avoidance of doubt may I add that I have no involvement in the Stansted matter past, present or future.

HOWARD SHARP
London, S.W.1.

Pursuit of 'growth'

SIR—Prof. Sir Colin Buchanan has hit the nail right on the head in his condemnation of the proposals for massive developments at Stansted (report, Dec. 17).

The pursuit of ill-defined "growth" as an end in itself has long been sacred among our politicians — regardless of whether we end up with a country where no one enjoys living and working.

Not content with her announcement that a further quarter of a million pounds will be spent burying a vast acreage of our heritage under concrete, as a result of the M40 Oxford to Warwick extension, the Transport Minister, Mrs Chalker, adds threateningly: "Those who suggest the road programme is nearing its end and that future efforts may be confined to care and maintenance are very far from the truth."

So the march of "progress" will continue and the motorways will stride ever onward. But could it be, when the dust clouds are finally settled, that it was Mrs Chalker, Mr Ridley and the rest of them that were "very far from the truth"?

JULIAN LLOYD WEBBER
London, N.W.3.

'Tough time' faces crewmen in Admiral's Cup

By TONY FAIRCHILD Yachting Correspondent

THE Admiral's Cup, which has attracted ten newcomers to what essentially is the world championship of ocean-racing and likely to cost British participants £3 million in new boats, will "be a nightmare for crewmen."

Mr Jonathan Bradbear, vice-commodore of the

Mr Jonathan Bradbeer, vice-commodore of the the five-race series, which begins from Cowes on July 31, added: "It will be an especially tough summer."

With 23 British boats, about a dozen of them new, expected to compete in the trials to decide the three-boat team for the international series, competition will be *especially testing.*

It will begin with tuning-up trials—getting yacht and crew to maximum efficiency—in early Spring, and as well as the normal summer's racing programme, there will be five weekends of special selection events in June.

A number of the yachts involved in the Admiral's Cup trials will also be racing in the One Ton Cup, a world championship for craft of around 40-ft. and to be sponsored by Jaguar at Poole in mid-July.

Demands on time

Mr Bradbeer said it seemed probable that because of demands on time and the probability that the British Admiral's Cup team will include one or more craft which has competed in the One Ton Cup, that there will be crew changes.

Owners of new boats spending around £250,000 each for their craft, face odds of about 8 to 1 against gaining selection for the Admiral's Cup—though ten British yachts will be able to compete in the One Ton Cup.

It is the "bonus" of being able to compete in the much acclaimed One Ton Cup event that is considered to have done most to attract so many newcomers to the Admiral's Cup.

These come from Scotland and the West Country—Local Hero (H. Howison) and Caicaria (P. Adams) resepectively—and include property developers, bankers and restaurateurs.

Martin Gibson and Brian Sweby are among the property developers, while Lloyd Bankson is the banker planning to compete for the first time with a new boat.

Tim Herring, a past Commodore of the Royal Burnham Yacht Club, will be taking part for the first time as an owner in the Admiral's Cup trials with Ark II, a 43-footer designed by Julian Everitt.

Mr Herring, who has a restaurant in London, opened one also in Newport, Rhode Island—called The Ark—during the 1983 America's Cup series which involved the Royal Burnham challenger Victory '83, owned by Peter de Savary.

Other newcomers

Other newcomers are expected to include John Meller, Mike Peacock, Geoff Thompson, and Richard Fleck.

Sir Owen Aisher, Robin Aisher, Chris Dunning and John Bassett, are past or present Flag Officers of the RORC familiar with the international series, and indeed, Robin Aisher has been captain of the British team for a record four times.

Graham Walker, who lives in the Channel Islands, and Peter Whipp, from the Isle of Man, have each been captains also of British ocean-racing teams, and have gone to French designers for new boats.

Other well-known yachtsmen who indicated they would be involved are: John Oswald, Richard Matthews, John Morris, Larry Woodell, Geoff Pannell and John Burton.

The British team for the Champagne Mumm-sponsored Admiral's Cup, likely to attract more than 15 overseas countries, is to be named on July 1.

The biennial event, won for the second time two years ago by the West Germans, ends with the 650-mile Fastnet Race, starting from Cowes and finishing at Plymouth.

RSC to visit Poland in New Year

By HARVEY LEE, Arts Staff

A TOUR of Poland by the Royal Shakespeare Company, the first in 13 years by a major British company, will next month lead a £300,000 overseas cultural invasion unveiled yesterday by the British Council.

The plans also include the Royal Ballet in Hungary and East Germany, Ballet Rambert in Poland, the Academy of St-Martin-in-the-Fields in Czechoslovakia, violinist Nigel Kennedy in Russia and a Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet tour of India, the first by a British dance company.

Mr Robert Sykes, director of Dance and Drama for the British Council, described the package as "the greatest concentration ever of British artistic talent in Eastern Europe."

The RSC visit is a diplomatic triumph for the British Council, which faces a shortfall of £2 million in its 1985/6 operating budget of £180 million because of cuts ordered by the Foreign Secretary.

13 performances

Almost 40 actors and technical staff will fly out to Warsaw on Jan. 14 after hurried negotiations earlier this month between the British Council, the RSC and the Polish authorities.

Touring productions of "The Winter's Tale" and "The Crucible," due to be disbanded at the end of the year will now play 13 performances in a students centre in Warsaw and a film studio in Wroclaw.

The British Council will spend £75,000 on thte RSC tour, and the Polish government has agreed to meet all hotel and travel expenses.

The last British company to visit Poland was also the RSC when it played its acclaimed Peter Brook production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in Warsaw in 1972, as part of an Iron Curtain tour.

Music events being supported by the British Council in the first half of 1985 will include the English Baroque Soloists and the Monteverdi Choir performing Handel's "Israel in Egypt" in Halle, East Germany, the composer's birthplace, and a tour by the Academy of Ancient Music to Austria, Germany and Italy.

Art tours

Art exhibitions will visit Sydney, Perth and Hanover. For the autumn opening of "The Treasure Houses of Britain" at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, the British Council will ship out 800 art treasures.

The East European events are announced at a time when the British Council is about to begin delicate negotiations with Soviet officials over possible visits by British dance and drama companies in 1986.

Mr Sykes explained: "Ever since the recent ministerial exchanges we have been able to develop an understanding with Poland. We were only waiting for the right moment to send the best possible company."

Senator Edward Kennedy meeting a group of children after food had been distributed in Om Sott, a Sudanese village badly affected by drought.

Tightened security for royal pheasant shoot

PRINCE PHILIP headed the first pheasant shoot of the Royal Family's six-week New Year stay at Sandringham yesterday, amid the tightest security yet seen on the Royal estate.

Police dogs patrolled the 20,000-acre estate as Prince Philip drove a stretched shooting brake, loaded with fellow guns, out of the grounds of Sandringham House.

Police in unmarked cars constantly patrolled public roads on the estate, as the five-hour shoot got under way three miles from Sandringham.

Last season Prince Philip and his friends shot 4,000 pheasants, but birds are thinner on the ground this year. Storms during the breeding season killed off many chicks.

Prince Philip does not hand-rear birds and relies entirely on wild game for his sport. During the past 20 years the Royal family have shot around 150,000 pheasants at Sandringham. Yesterday's bag is not expected to exceed 200 pheasants. Partridges are virtually non-existent.

Tomorrow as many as 10,000 people are expected to be in the royal park to greet the Queen when she attends morning service in the tiny 150-seat parish church. The Bishop of Norwich, the Rt Rev. Maurice Wood will conduct the service.

Bags and cameras will be banned from the park, and some visitors may face body searches.

TELEMESSAGE COST JUMPS BY 16½pc

By Our Business Correspondent

British Telecom is to increase the basic cost of its overnight Telemessage service by 57p to £4·02, a jump of 16½ per cent., from Friday.

The increase is the first since the service was introduced to *replace the loss-making telegram* business in 1981. Delivery of messages is guaranteed by first-class post on the next working day and customers can get their money back if Telecom falls down.

The standard message enables a customer to send up to 50 words. Each additional 50 words will now cost £2·01, an increase of 29p or almost 17 per cent.

RAF JET SAVED BY PILOT

By Air Cdre G. S. COOPER Air Correspondent

AN RAF Hawk trainer which was struck by lightning over North Devon was saved by the pilot's good airmanship, it was disclosed yesterday.

Sqdn Ldr Bob Burroughs, commanding No. 151 Squadron of the Practical Weapons Unit at RAF Chivenor, near Barnstaple, saw that the temperature of the Hawk's engine was rising uncontrollably after a lightning strike in thick cloud.

He levelled the plane at 5,000ft and shut the engine down to stabilise its electronic control system.

Then he re-started the engine, regained control of the aircraft, and landed safely at RAF Chivenor.

BEACH DANGER

Yellow and purple objects, about the size of a walnut, were washed ashore at Ramsgate and Broadstairs yesterday. Identified as phosphorous, which gives off a dangerous vapour and can ignite, Thanet Council warned the public not to handle the material.

Council house rent arrears soar to £240m

By JOHN GRIGSBY Local Government Correspondent

COUNCIL rent arrears have trebled over the last three years and are still increasing fast. Latest figures show tenants owe local authorities more than £240 million.

The situation is worrying council leaders and politicians, but there is little Mr Jenkin, the Environment Secretary, and Mr Gow, the Minister for Housing and Construction, can do about it.

The collection of rents is a matter for the local authorities and there is no central control of the methods used.

In London alone, the total of back rent has risen by nearly 50 per cent. over the last year, according to the journal LONDON HOUSING. Tenants now owe £111 million, compared with £77 million a year ago.

A total of 350,000 tenants—four in every nine—are in arrears. One Lambeth family owes more than £7,000.

In Southwark nearly £20 million is owed, in Lambeth £8·5 million, in Hackney £6·7 million, in Islington £5·8, and in Brent £5·1 million.

Throughout the country, according to the Audit Commission, more than a million current tenants are in arrears.

Daunting problem

The Commission says that a "daunting" problem faces housing managers. Without new approaches, the prospects of recoverng more than a small fraction of the money is not good.

In 1980 arrears accounted for 3·8 per cent. of the total rent roll. Last year they made up 5 per cent.

RATES CASH 'ABUSE' INQUIRY

By JOHN GRIGSBY Local Government Correspondent

THE terms of reference of an independent inquiry into alleged abuses by local councils of ratepayers' money will be announced next month by Mr Jenkin, Environment Secretary.

The Government expects that an expert on the constitution will head the inquiry. It will examine the more "flagrant abuses" of the use of ratepayers money.

Though these have angered many Tory supporters, Ministers have felt, after taking legal advice, that they could do nothing to challenge them.

Some have been challenged in the courts by individuals and local councils. They include the use of ratepayers' money for what Tories see as party political purposes, notably the Greater London Council's campaign against abolition.

Stifle debate

The inquiry will also examine allegations that some officers have been selected for their political views rather than their ability and that standing orders have been manipulated to stifle debate.

It will also consider allegations that the rights of minority parties on councils have been ignored.

Ministers have been ambarrassed and angered by the ease with which the GLC and some Left-wing authorities have been *able to flout their intentions and* what they regard as public opinion. Often, a particular incident could only be tested if a council was willing to take it to the High Court.

The Government hopes that the inquiry will make recommendations about a number of "grey areas" where the present legal position is not clear. These could then be embodied in a Bill with all-party support.

BRITISH SHIPS' 35pc TRADE

By Our Shipping Correspondent

Only 35 per cent. of Britain's international trade was carried by British ships last year, according to the annual survey of the Transport Department.

This was in value of goods and was the same as 1982 following a decline in earlier years. But in terms of weight of cargoes, there was a drop from 28 per cent. in 1982 to 24 per cent. in 1983.

(Business Monitor MA3, from HMSO, £9·50.)

Anti-vandal trains prove a big success

By STANLEY GOLDSMITH

Q TRAINS, an anti-vandal scheme pioneered by British Rail on Tyneside and Merseyside, have proved so effective in Glasgow that Scottish Region is to introduce a fourth such train in the Edinburgh area.

The trains, kept deliberately in a shabby condition, are named after the wartime ships whose innocent appearance belied their true purpose, which was to hit back hard at aggressors.

Whenever the trains encounter vandals or trespassers on rail property, the driver stops unexpectedly to allow squads of railway police to leap out and arrest them. Often they are supported by local police in patrol cars, to catch the offenders in a pincer movement.

Operating mainly during school holidays, the Glasgow train has been successful in apprehending 300 people a year.

"They are very surprised when we catch them in the act," said Mr Archie Monhan, 59, a BR chief traction inspector who has worked with the train since its inception.

Unexpected catches

As well as day-to-day trespassers, the trains often bag unexpected catches, including a gang of seven thieves who wore orange danger vests to pose as workmen while stealing lineside cable.

On other occasions, police detained a teenaged motor-cyclist practising trials riding at 50 mph along the permanent way, and two prostitutes entertaining a client on a quiet stretch of track.

Scotland's share of the £5 million a year rail vandalism bill is about £600,000, but Merseyside is another big problem area.

There, offenders came to recognise the two-car diesel unit used by the police, and would flee as it approached. So a diesel locomotive and goods van were pressed into service as a special Q-train, resulting in a huge increase in arrests in the docks areas.

A spokesman for London Midland Region said: "These trains are very effective, but a high proportion of those detained are under 10 years old, and cannot be prosecuted."

Literary scene hucksters

"LOOK how much time Norman Mailer wastes on having to be Norman Mailer." Thus John Updike talking to Sebastian Faulks about *one of* America's most successful authors.

But success in American publishing these days is not going so much to the old-school writers as to a new breed specialising in horror, sex . . . and business studies.

In THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH tomorrow Sebastian Faulks reports from the centre of U.S. publishing, New York—a whacky city where publishers hype their wares with rare fillets of beef, breathtaking dry martinis and slick chat.

CAPTOR OF PURSE THIEF COMMENDED

A businessman who was punched in the face as he helped to make a citizen's arrest on the platform at a London underground station, was commended yesterday by Mr Jeremy Connor, Marlborough Street magistrate, for catching the purse thief.

Linton Barnes, 21, a painter and decorator of Rudloe Road, Clapham South, was jailed for four-and-a-half months after he admitted causing actual bodily harm to Mr Christopher Goodall, of Flood Street, Chelsea.

He further also admitted stealing Miss Nichola Merton's purse and contents at Tottenham Court Road tube station.

Five men, including Mr Goodall, caught Barnes, who punched Mr Goodall in the face and chest.

CREWE FACELIFT

By Our Transport Correspondent

A "continuous loop" video film lasting six minutes is on show at Crewe Station explaining how and why £14,500,000 is being spent there on modernisation, which will include virtual close-down of the station from June 2 to July 21 while track layouts and signalling are altered.

WOGAN QUITS RADIO TWO FOR TV WORK

Terry Wogan quit BBC radio yesterday after broadcasting his final Radio Two breakfast programme.

He said: "I don't think there will be too many tears. A year from now people will say: "Who was that fellow who used to do the morning show?".

Wogan, who had 12 years on radio, has given it up to concentrate on a new three-times-a-week BBC TV chat show, due to start in February.

PRINCE SPRAINS ANKLE

Injured playing rugby

Prince Edward was ordered to avoid the most gruelling parts of a Commando assault course after telling senior Royal Marines officers that he had sprained his ankle playing university rugby, an Army spokesman said yesterday.

While 40 other young Marines completed the course at the Commando Training Centre, Lympstone, Devon, the Prince, *20, a second lieutenant, who* had been seen limping when he arrived just before Christmas, was told to attempt only easier exercises.

MP's CHALET PLANS STOPPED

Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Conservative MP for Gloucester, has been stopped from building 20 fishermen's chalets on land beside the river Severn near the city.

Mr Jenkin, Environment Secretary, has rejected plans by Norton and Sandhurst Estates to build the timber chalets on land owned by Mrs Oppenheim at Norton, near Gloucester, on the grounds that it would have an "adverse impact" on the environment.

'Frog-lover' jibes in language campaign

By ERIC DOWD in Toronto

GOVERNMENT officials trying to promote wider use of French in the largely English-speaking province of New Brunswick, have been pelted with eggs, called "frog-lovers" and told to "get back to France."

The Conservative provincial government is trying to increase French speaking following a study showing it has fallen behind in implementing a policy of bi-lingualish adopted in 1969.

The policy guarantees residents the right to government services in English or French according to choice. But many services, including civil trials and, some other court proceedings, are not fully available in French.

French-speaking residents, who form 35 per cent. of the population, now have 30 per cent of government jobs but *fewer than 20 per cent of posts* in the senior Civil Service.

Francophones are also having difficulty obtaining French schools although the law enables 30 or more French-speaking parents to request a school or school section operating in French.

'Language police'

The Conservative Government's atempts to fill the gaps have been met by many protests, particularly from a newly-formed association of English New Brunswickers.

The association, and many outside it, are protesting that a practice of advertising for bilingual civil servants is excluding Anglophones from jobs—many Francophones learn English but comparatively few Anglophones learn French.

Nurses are objecting to bilingualism being required in hospitals and a government plan to spend £75,000 to put up the flag of the Acadians, the French-speaking minority, on key government buildings has annoyed many.

A recommendation that an office of official languages be set up to enforce bilingualism is being opposed as an attempt to provide "language police."

A Government-appointed commission has been out on tour holding public hearings and its members and officials have been pelted witth eggs and shouted down.

Anglophones have also hurled insults at Francophones in the audience like "where were all you French between 1939 and 1945?" and "this is an English-*speaking* country."

A similar attempt to expand French services in the mid-western province of Manitoba was abandoned by its new Democratic (Labour) party government earlier this year after threats to cabinet ministers, the burning down of the local Francophone society's headquarters and damage to property owned by other French-speaking Canadians.

WOMAN TURNS-TABLE

Former postwoman Cindy Phillips, 24, starts work today at Corby, Northants, as the county's only full-time woman firefighter.

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ACCOUNT: Dec. 24–Jan. 11.
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BARGAINS TRANS: 14,111.
RISES: 504. FALLS: 204.
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EQUITY TURNOVER (Dec. 27):
Number of bargains 9,598; value £116·66 million.
Shares traded: 69·2 million.

F.T. STOCK INDICES, December 28, 1984

	Index	Change	1984 High	1984 Low
Indust. Ord.	945·2	−16·2	945·2	755·2
Govt. Secs.	81·68	−0·18	83·77	75·72
Gold Mines	474·1	−4·5	711·7	452·2
Fixed Int.	85·34	−0·01	87·48	80·43
Ord. Div. p.c.	4·56	−0·07	5·29	4·23
Earn Yld p.c.	11·60	−0·17	12·39	9·00
FT-SE 100:	1225·6	+14·7	1225·6	986·9

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* Ex-dividends. * Ex-scrip. ‡ Ex-all. § Ex-rights. a: Ex-Capital Returns. A: Report and Accounts awaited. South African Gold Producers. cover relates to the last account year. b: Interim since raised. c: Interim since lowered or passed. e: Forecasts dividend. Cover relates to previous year's dividend. f: Forecast dividend and earnings. g: Yield includes special payment. h: Yield excludes special payment. *** Quotation temporarily suspended. x Unlisted security. • Tax free to non-residents

TOURIST RATES

Australia .... 1·39½ dollars
Austria ...... 25·00 schillings
Belgium ...... 72·00 francs
Canada ...... 1·53 dollars
Denmark .... 12·95 kroner
Finland ...... 7·57 markkaa
France ...... 11·00 francs
Germany .... 3·59 marks
Greece ...... •157·00 drachmae
Holland ...... 4·05 guilders
Iceland ...... •48·00 kronur
Ireland ...... 1·16½ punt
Israel .... 720·00 shekel
Italy .... •2,215 lire
Japan ... . 291 yen
Malta .... •0·6180 pounds
New Zealand .. 2·33 dollars
Norway ...... 10·45 kroner
Portugal ...... •195·00 escudos
South Africa .. •2·35 rand
Spain .... •198·25 pesetas
Sweden ..... 10·35 kroner
Switzerland .. 2·94 francs
Turkey ...... 500·00 lira
United States .. 1·15½ dollars
Yugoslavia .... •279·00 dinars

Rates indicate approximate foreign currency bank notes obtainable for sterling in Britain. • Subject to limit.

RIGHTS ISSUES

Issue price			
64	Bairstow Eves (nil pd)....	9 pm	+ 1
175	Birmingham Mint (nil pd)	40 pm	..
85	Carrs Milling (nil pd)	24 pm	+ 4
115	Nottingham Brick (nil pd)	32 pm	..
178	Westpac (nil pd)..........	62 pm	− 5

RECENT ISSUES

Issue Price			
180	Access Satellite..........	192	+ 4
140	Alida Holdings	166	− 1
100	Breakmate..............	116	..
130	Brit. Telecom (50p pd)......	103½	+1½
105	CVD International.........	160	..
160	Camlover	235	+½
115	Craton Lodge.............	185	− 1
—	European Inv Bank (£50pd)	£52½	−¼
195½	Exch 9¾% 1998 'A' £30 pd	£59¾	..
170	Firstland Oil............	140	..
78	Gabbicci..............	96	..
28	Healthcare Services.......	26	+ 1
210	Iceland Frozen Foods Hlds	388	..
—	IndustrialScotlandEnergy	125	− 5
145	Instem..................	235	− 2
—	Johnson Mt 8% C Pref.....	140	+ 6
85	Klark-Teknik............	115	..
—	Kinnsley & Forester......	64	..
117	Media Technology........	175	− 2
—	Monument Oil...........	25	+ 1
140	P&M Int................	169	+ 2
130	Penny & Giles	150	..
70	Plasmec...............	74	..
92	Process Systems	94	− 1
—	Racal 7% conv..........	122	+ 2
20	Rex William...........	21	− 1
140	Share Drug Stores........	204	..
110	UDO Holdings..........	124	..
136	Wardle storyes...........	167	..

THE POUND ABROAD

	28-12-84	Prev. close
Austria....	25.63–.67	25.71–.75
Belgium* ..	73.12–.30	73.36–.47
Canada	1.5343–.5374	1.5364–.5385
Denmark ..	13.0812–.1097	13.0982–.1210
France	11.1688–.2045	11.2045–.2306
Germany W	3.6487–.6592	3.6610–.6692
Holland....	4.1195–.1304	4.1362–.1474
Ireland.....	1.1705–.1766	1.1730–.1790
Italy	2239.98–2258.57	2252.54–2258.96
Japan	290.857–291.40	290.82–291.37
Norway	10.5539–.5791	10.5617–.5859
Portugal ...	196.38–197.79	196.18–196.89
Spain......	201.37–.87	201.53–.60
Sweden ..	10.4231–.4482	10.4191–.4442
Switzerland	3.0044–.0140	3.0170–.0243
Utd. States	1.1620–.1635	1.1635–.1650

* Convertible rate.

Effective Sterling Exchange Rate Index NOON 73·2 (73·4) CLOSE 73·2 (73·3) (Base 1975 = 100)

OTHER MARKET RATES

Argentina..................	Peso 203.21–205.74
Australia..................	A$1.4040–1.4060
Brazil..............	Cruzeiro 3681.21–3706.18
Cyprus....................	C£ 0.7471–0.7518
Finland.................	Markka 7.5101–7.6601
Greece..............	Drachma 148.00–150.98
Hong Kong..............	HK $ 9.0826–9.0925
India	Rupee 14.2450
Iraq*....................	Dinar 0.3628–0.3641
Kuwait	Dinar 0.3505–0.3545
Malaysia...............	Ringgit 2.8150–2.8260
Saudi Arabia.............	Ryal 4.1290–4.1690
Singapore	S$ 2.5240–2.5340
South Africa............	Rand 2.3055–2.3177
United Arab Emirates...	Dirham 4.2554–4.2764

* Subject to limit.

DOLLAR RATES

	28-12-84	Prev.close
France.....................	9·6200	9·6300
Germany	3·1420	3·1430
Switzerland	2·5925	2·5950
Japan.....................	250·50	250·00
Trade weighted ave....	144·60	144·50

EUROCURRENCIES

DOLLARS:
7 days 8⅛–8¼ — 1 month 8⅞–8⅛
3 months 8⅝–8¾ — 6 months 9⅛–9¼

MARKS:
7 days 5½–5⅝ — 1 month 5½–5⅝
3 months 5½–5⅝ — 6 months 5½–5⅝

SWISS FRANCS:
7 days 2½–2⅛ — 1 month 4⅛–4⅛
3 months 4⅛–4¾ — 6 months 4⅛–4⅛

FORWARD RATES

The forward rates for currencies for one month and three months are as follows:

	One month	Three months
Austria	5–4⅛ Grn.pm	18¼–15 Grn.pm
Belgium	5–10 c.dis	8–18 c.dis
Canada	0.05–0.09 c.dis	0.06–0.15 c.dis
Denmark ..	2⅛–3¼ Ore dis	4⅛–6 Ore dis
France	⅛–1⅛ c dis	1⅛–5 c.dis
Germany W	1⅛–1⅛ Pfg pm	4–3⅝ Pfg pm
Holland....	1⅛–1¼ c.pm	4¼–3⅝ c.pm
Italy	7–12 Lire dis	21–27 Lire dis
Japan	1–⅞ Yen pm	2¾–2½ Yen pm
Norway	2¼–3¼ Ore dis	7⅛–8⅛ Ore dis
Portugal ...	180–595 c.dis	525–1840 c.dis
Spain.......	50–65 c.dis	160–185 c.dis
Sweden.....	1⅛–2 Ore dis	4¼–5 Ore dis
Switzerland	1½–1⅛ c.pm	4–3⅝ c.pm
Utd. States	0.11–0.10 c.pm	0.38–0.29 c.pm

GOLD PRICE

1st Fix $309·50 — 2nd Fix $308·30
Close $309·00 — ($307·25)
Sterling Equiv. £265·74 — (£265·89)

KRUGERRANDS*

£269·00–£317·40 (£269·00–£317·40)

PLATINUM NOBLES

£257·40–£260·35 (£257·20–£260·10)

NEW SOVEREIGNS*

£60·60–£77·74 (£60·00–£77·09)

* Banks selling rate includes VAT and charges. Buying rate excludes VAT. Prices are for single coins.

MONEY MARKET RATES (per cent.)

CLEARING BANKS Base Rate 9½–9¾ Nov 19
FINANCE HOUSES Base Rate 10½ (Dec. 1)
DISCOUNT MKT.:
Day-to-Day 6–9½
INTERBANK: — Overnight 9⅛–9⅜
7 days 9¼–9⅜ — 1 month 9½–9⅝
3 months 10–10⅛ — 6 months 10⅛–10⅛
LOCAL AUTHORITY DEPOSITS:
Two days 9⅛ — Seven days 9⅛
One month 9½ — Three months 9⅛
BANK BILLS: — 1 month 9⅛–9⅛
3 months 9⅛–9⅛ — 6 months 9⅛–9⅛
TREAS. BILLS: — 1 month 9⅛–9⅛
2 months 9⅛–9⅛ — 3 months 9⅛–9⅛
STERLING C.Ds.: — 1 month 9⅛–9⅛
3 months 9⅛–9⅛ — 1 year 9⅛–10⅛
DOLLAR C.Ds.: — 1 month 8.25–8.35
3 months 8.40–8.50 — 1 year 9.50–9.70

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

		Close	Day's range	Contracts traded	High-Low
Long Gilt	Dec	—	— —	—	110·13–107·08
	Mar	106·18	106·18–106·08	1005	109·25–105·31
US T-bond	Mar	71·20	71·21–71·12	203	72·34–69·25
	June	—	— —	—	— —
3 month £	Mar	89·85	89·88–89·81	407	90·54–89·44
	June	89·78	89·80–89·75	61	90·13–89·78
3 month Euro-dollar	Mar	90·60	90·61–90·56	981	90·72–88·04
	June	90·05	90·06–90·01	71	90·18–89·63
Sterling	Mar	1·1619	1·1630–1·1630	1	1·2770–1·1619
	June	—	— —	—	—
D-mark	Mar	0·3201	0·3207–0·3191	24	0·3437–0·3190
	June	—	— —	—	— —
Swiss Franc	Mar	—	— —	—	0·4015–0·3915
	June	—	— —	—	— —
Yen	Mar	0·4010	0·4014–0·4014	6	0·4109–0·4010
	June	—	— —	—	— —
FT-SE 100	Dec	122·60	122·50–120·80	90	122·60–97·60
	Mar	122·70	122·70–120·95	87	132·75–112·00

Contract specifications include:
Long Gilt—notional 20 year stock with 12 pc coupon and face value of £50,000
US T-bond notional 15 year stock with 8pc coupon and face value of $100,000.
3 month sterling/eurodollars—£250,000/US$1 million with cash settlement option
Currencies are quoted against the dollar with face value of £25,000, Dm 125,000 Sw F 125,000, and Yen 12,500,000
FT-SE 100 quoted one-tenth the index with face value of £25 per index point. Settlement cash only.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Option	Ex'cise Price	CALLS Closing Offer (P) JAN.	APR.	JULY	PUTS Closing Offer (P) JAN.	APR.	JULY
BP ..	460	40	47	52	5	14	22
BP ..	500	15	25	30	25	37	43
Comm. Union ..	160	29	31	34	2	4	8
Comm. Union ..	180	10	17	21	6	11	15
Cons. Gold	460	39	50	60	6	14	23
Cons. Gold	500	16	30	37	26	37	47
Courtaulds	120	9	14	17	3	5	7
Courtaulds	130	3½	9	11	6½	10	12
GEC	220	7	14	21	9	11	14
GEC	240	1½	7	12	26	30	32
Grand Met.	300	20	27	33	7	15	17
Grand Met.	330	4	10	18	28	32	38
ICI	700	46	64	73	6	12	20
ICI	750	14	28	40	24	38	46
Land Securities	300	15	22	28	5	10	15
Land Securities	330	2	8	14	22	25	29
Marks & Spencer	110	13	16	20	1½	4	6
Marks & Spencer	120	5	7	11	6	10	13
Shell	600	53	60	70	5	12	17
Shell	650	20	30	38	22	35	40
Traf. House	300	38	43	47	1½	5	8
Traf. House	330	13	22	28	5	10	16
		FEB.	MAY.	AUG.	FEB.	MAY.	AUG.
Barclays ..	500	72	78	87	5	11	16
Barclays ..	550	30	37	47	15	27	35
BAT Inds.	330	36	42	50	6	13	20
BAT Inds.	360	20	25	35	18	22	30
British Telecom	90	16¼	19½	21	1	3	4
British Telecom	100	9	12	15½	3	6½	9
Imperial Grp.	160	20	24½	27	2½	5	8
Imperial Grp	180	6	10	14	11	13	16
LASMO ..	300	35	46	60	6	12	16
LASMO ..	330	20	32	38	18	27	32
Lonrho ..	160	13	15	18	5	10	12
Lonrho ..	180	4½	6	8	17	17	22
P & O ..	300	15	21	27	8	14	20
P & O ..	330	5	11	16	27	32	36
Racal ..	260	15	22	30	9	12	15
Racal ..	280	6	12	18	22	26	30
R.T.Z. ..	600	22	35	42	37	47	55
R.T.Z. ..	650	8	14	22	77	88	90
Vaal Reef	380	9½	13	16½	4½	9	10½
Vaal Reef	390	5	9	10½	9	13½	16
		MAR.	JUNE	SEPT.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT.
Beecham	360	42	47	53	6	11	14
Beecham	390	20	26	30	18	23	28
Bass ..	420	73	80	—	5	8	—
Bass ..	460	35	45	60	10	15	18
De Beers	420c	43	98	73	35	44	55
De Beers	460c	22	40	48	68	73	90
GKN ..	180	20	27	33	5	8	10
GKN ..	200	9	16	20	14	19	22
Hanson Tst.	280	49	52	56	2	6	10
Hanson Tst.	300	32	38	45	6	12	16
Jaguar ..	220	36	38	44	4	7	9
Jaguar ..	240	20	26	31	7	11	14
Tesco ..	220	22	27	31	6	9	14
Tesco ..	240	10	14	21	12	16	20
FT—SE 100	1200	25	56	68	2	30	56
FT—SE 100	1350	—	26	39	—	57	70

TOTAL CONTRACTS 7,021

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STOCK EXCHANGE

Markets full of sparkle

STOCK markets shock-off their post-Christmas malaise yesterday as institutional buyers returned to the industrial sections, albeit on a selective basis. Speculators joined in the fun of the annual guessing game about prospective New Year share recommendations, while takeover hopes again prompted bright features.

The upshot was that prices responded with alacrity in a market short of stock and the main indices powered ahead to record levels.

The "30" index ended 16·2 higher at 945·2, against the previous high of 942·6, and the "100" index 14·7 up at 1225·6, against 1220·6.

New Year selections by stockbrokers, James Capel, were eagerly followed and prompted strength in **Thorn EMI**, 17 up at 467p; after 471p, **Jaguar**, 12 better at 254p, **Bass**, 13 higher at 483p, and **Vickers** 4 to the good at 215p.

Major exporters to meet solid support included **BTR**, 12 up at 606p, and **Hawker Siddeley**, 14 higher at 427p. **British Telecom**, due to produce an interim report on January 10, ended 1½p firmer at 105½p, after 104½p.

Matthew Brown were again outstanding in the brewery section on persistent talk about a possible takeover offer from Scottish & Newcastle; despite the company's denial of any bid approach, **Matthew Brown** shares ended 28 higher at 310p, after 315p.

Bid suggestions were also heard in **Mercantile House**, 24 up at 344p, and **McCorquodale**, 17 to the good at 183p.

Fresh interest

Old takeover favourites to meet new interest on talk of prospective New Year developments include **Rowntree Mackintosh**, 8 up at 385p; **Davy Corporation**, 5 better at 87p; and **Birmid-Qualcast**, 2½ firmer at 89p. **Blue Arrow** made further headway to 124p, a rise of 28 p.c. since the TAILPIECE mention on Dec. 12; the market is expecting acquisition news next month.

Arthur Guinness, still reflecting the recent announcement about the Neighbourhood Stores acquisition, gained 12 more to 252p. Solid support brought gains of 8p to 11p in **Lucas Industries**, at 248p; **Associated Dairies**, at 162p; **Tate and Lyle**, at 438p; and **Grand Metropolitan**, at 313p.

Banks moved ahead under the lead of **Lloyds**, finally 10 higher at 552p, while elsewhere in the financial sector **Charterhouse J. Rothschild** were again favoured at 108p, a rise of 5p. Life insurance issues met selective demand, and **Legal & General** were to the fore with a gain of 15 to 555p.

Buyers were again operating in **Eastern Produce**, which climbed 17 more to a peak of 370p. **Rank Hovis McDougall** improved to 128p after the cheerful tone of the annual review, while **Wm Low** gained 8 to 513p on the acquisition announcement. Gains of 8p were also recorded by **Metal Box**, at 400p, and **Haden**, at 192p.

Reports of good trading in the sales encouraged renewed interest in stores issues. **J. Hepworth** finished 10 higher at 174p, equivalent to 522p in their old form; on October 31 when the shares stood at 354p, QUESTOR wrote "the shares will go to a fiver."

A modicum of agreement at the Opec talks stimulated some bargain hunting in the oil share market. **British Petroleum**, at 488p, and "**Shell**," at 648p, both advanced 15p, while **Lasmo** rose 10 to 325p and **Enterprise 6** to 182.

Gold shares started on a dull note, but prices finished off the bottom as bullion managed a small rally, finally $1·75 better at $309.

WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM (ANP CBS Gen)	161·90	+ 0·80
BRUSSELS (Stock Index)	158·30	+ 0·14
FRANKFURT (Commerzbank)	1,107·90	+ 4·60
HONGKONG (Hang Seng)	1,185·67	+ 8·74
PARIS (CAC General)	182·40	+ 0·10
SYDNEY (All Ord.)	726·10	+ 1·70
TOKYO (Nikkei Dow)	11,542·60	+29·03
ZURICH (Credit Suisse)	320·10	+ 0·30

U.S. RATES

Federal funds ... 8⅞ p.c. (8⅝ p.c.)
Treas 3 month bills 7·75-7·70 (7·67-7·62)
Long bonds $102 22/32 ($102 7/32)
Yield ... 11·47 p.c. (unchanged)

FT—ACTUARIES INDICES

Industrial Group	607·87	(+6·93)
500 "	646·46	(+8·64)
All-share ...	589·74	(+6·91)

Closure move by Tomatin Distillers

By JOHN PETTY

TOMATIN DISTILLERS yesterday called a special meeting for January 14 to propose voluntary winding up with little prospect of any distribution to shareholders.

It follows five years of losses, with no improvement in sight. The shares, 34p earlier this year, were last week suspended at 18p.

It was the first major crash in the industry for many years, but Tomatin is far from typical in the trade. It was basically a supplier to other distillers who used Tomatin malt in their own blends.

So the recession hit Tomatin hardest. Other independent distillers used more of their own malt or did swaps with companies which also had well-known brands on the market. A single blend may contain up to 35 or even 40 different whiskies, so inter-company trading is widespread.

The company's distillery at Tomatin, in the Highlands, is one of the biggest. It could produce more than 12 million litres of alcohol a year but has been operating at only 13 p.c. of capacity.

Although many distillers see signs of a pick-up in demand there is no prospect of them again becoming big buyers from Tomatin. Chairman Anthony de Boer said the Tomatin outlook for 1985 was for "serious difficulties and further substantial losses."

A statement said the position had "continued to deteriorate significantly." Attempts to find new capital or an outright buyer had been made over the past year with no success. There was no alternative to voluntary liquidation.

Heineken, the Netherlands' largest brewer, rescued Tomatin in 1981 by taking a 20 p.c. stake when the share price was 115p, but to the surprise of the drinks trade did not use its marketing strength to push the firm's product in the retail sector.

British & Commonwealth Shipping and its associates took part in another Tomatin rescue last year when the price was down to about 40p. But that injected only £3 million compared with the £5 million which many brokers thought necessary. B & C had an arrangement by which it would eventually have held more than 29 p.c.

Tomatin is expected to lose £2 million this year following £1·48 million last year, £2 million in 1982, £2·32 million in 1981 and £1·36 million in 1980. Its last pre-tax profit was a mere £14,000 in 1979.

Tomatin has held 40 p.c. of a private company, Findhorn Finance. Findhorn bought substantial amounts of whisky from Tomatin each year, selling it back several years later for maturity.

U.S. trade deficit doubles on the year

By JAMES SRODES in Washington

WALL STREET'S thinly-attended stock markets ignored fresh evidence of a rebounding economy and focused on interest rate fears instead. Share prices drifted as trading volume diminished during the last trading week of 1984.

While American money markets and exchanges will be open on New Year's eve, most traders took another extra long holiday weekend.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped slightly and then climbed back to close 1·65 points higher at 1204·17. Volume reached 77 million shares.

On the broader New York Stock Exchange losers and gainers were almost evently matched.

While the government's composite index of leading economic indicators reportedly showed a sharp rebound in November, the more disturbing news is that America's trade deficit for this year will exceed $120 billion, or roughly twice the 1983 trade account loss.

The Commerce Department said the American merchandise trade deficit widened in November to a seasonally adjusted $9·84 billion. This compares with $9 billion and $12·6 billion in losses run by the account in October and September respectively.

What this means is that the American trade deficit for the 11 months of 1984 now exceed $113·45 billion compared with the $62·59 billion deficit for the same period a year ago.

Trade analysts noted that exports in the latest month fell slightly to $13·3 billion while imports jumpe to $13·3 billion. The United States now runs widening trade losses with Canada, Mexico, Japan and the Opec cartel. Its surplus with western Europe ose from $381 million in October to $1·93 million last month.

At the same time the government's composite of economic indicators which foretell future trends snapped back to a robust $1·3 p.c. gain in November. The index had dropped 0·5 p.c. in October and a number of analysts had warned that the broader economy might be headed into a slowdown in the early weeks of 1985.

Instead nine of the composite's 11 economic indicators pointed toward increases in economic activity rather than any slowdown.

The Federal Reserve complicated matters both by delaying its regular Thursday money supply report until after the market closed yesterday and by staying out of money market intervention after having been an active supplier of liquidity earlier in the week.

The absence of the central bank meant that the federal funds rate on reserves which banks lend each other rose from a low of 7·5 p.c. on Monday to more than 8·5 p.c. throughout yesterday.

Sterling closed in New York $1·1635 ($1·1645).

Tebbit vetoes Nestlé inquiry

MR TEBBIT, Trade and Industry Secretary, yesterday rejected official advice for a Monopolies and Mergers' Commission inquiry into the effects on competition in Britain of the planned takeover by the Swiss-based Nestle company of Carnation of the United States.

The veto is the first delivered by Mr Tebbit to a recommendation from Sir Gordon Borrie, Director-General of the Office of Fair Trading, who argued that an investigation was justified because the two companies would control around 70 p.c. of the £50-million-a-year evaporated milk market in Britain.

But Mr Tebbit felt that the competition isues were not sufficient to justify an inquiry. The evaporated milk market is a dwindling part of the £27 billion-a-year food business and the main customers are elderly people.

The Office of Fair Trading was said yesterday to be taking a fairly relaxed view about the rebuff. It was being pointed out that action could not be considered under the Fair Trading Act in future if there was evidence that the combined company was abusing its monopoly position.

Home computer sales breaking records

By MICHAEL BECKET

SALES of home computers in the pre-Christmas rush were up even on last year's record-breaking levels, despite earlier fears that the market was becoming saturated.

As with most other goods, the selling season started late this time but produced a swift surge just before the holiday, with the biggest demand being for programs and peripheral equipment.

The shops are now trying to maintain the rate of sales by starting a round of price cutting. Many of the major brands are being made cheaper, including Acorn's BBC and Electron, Atari, Apple, and Commodore.

Dixons, W. H. Smith & Son, Boots and Laskys all report better business over Christmas. Boots said that although there was an improvement on Christmas 1983, the increase was probably less than in other areas of its business.

Laskys, like most shops, found that particularly sought-after items were peripherals (like joysticks, interface boxes, and memory devices), plus software. These sold faster than the machines.

This may be because as the population of computers rises, so does the potential market for software. W. H. Smith also reported a "very very late start" but with a corresponding "last-minute rush." Although software (mainly games) were the best sector computers sold so well that Smiths has no stocks left and so will not be cutting prices for the January sales.

"We thought it would be a reasonable Christmas," said Eddie Styring, deputy managing director of Dixons, and "sales have lived up to our expectations" by being "healthily up on last year."

Dixons concentrates on hardware and "we are pleased with what we've achieved."

Prism, which maintains a selling floor at Lion House in London's Tottenham Court Road, did "very good business" with strong demand for the Sinclair QL which had been in short supply earlier in the year. The company was also keen to deny recent rumours that it was in financial trouble.

But Lion House was surprised to find that from the beginning of December there was also a surge of demand for business machines. The average installation was worth between £5,000 and £20,000 and Digital Rainbow was probably the most popular computer.

SATURDAY COMMENT

Milling exchange rates defy the law of gravity

By Clifford German

THE YEAR 1984 was a good one in the Western world if the definition simply means there were more winners than losers. All the Western economies grew faster than was expected a year ago.

The United States grew by 6 p.c. against a typical forecast of 3·5 p.c., Japan grew almost twice as fast as the 3 p.c. forecast and Western Europe grew by 2-2·5 p.c. against a forecast of 1·75 p.c. The average rate of inflation continued to slow slightly to about 5 p.c. a year instead of picking up slightly as was widely expected.

The achievement came without any special stimulus from interest rates. American prime rates went up from 11 p.c. a year ago to a peak of 13 p.c. between June and September before coming back down again to 10¾ p.c. United Kingdom base rates followed a similar pattern, up from 9 p.c. a year ago to a peak of 12½ p.c. in the summer and back to yesterday's 9½-9¾ p.c.

Savings ratios which financed the increased spending in the early part of the recovery continued to come down last year, but nothing like enough to finance the faster economic growth. Public sector spending also took a back seat in favour of increased private sector capital investment in most of the industrial economies and capital investment was financed largely by a recovery in trading profits.

The widespread recovery in business profits was partly the result of moderate wage settlements in the new climate of realism created by continuing high unemployment. But it also seems as if the rapid introduction of new technology has made new investment extra profitable.

Faster growth throughout the industrial economies last year also came from the unexpected weakness of raw material prices. They fell back again by about 10 p.c. after recovering from their low point in 1983. Although official oil prices have shown little change, spot prices have fallen and the fear of a third oil crisis had faded beyond the forseeable future.

There is no straightforward lesson to be learned from all this. The fastest growth rates have been in the United States, which has allowed its public sector overspending to grow at a time when the other leading industrial economies have been trying to reduce their deficits. The resulting reflation of the American economy has been a major factor in helping other countries grow through increased exports to the United States.

Budget deficit

In spite of such apparently dangerous behaviour the United States has been able to finance both its internal budget deficit and its growing balance of payments deficit by attracting inflows of capital, and the influx has been strong enough to force the dollar sharply higher on the foreign exchanges.

It edged still higher again yesterday to another 11-year peak and now stands 44·6 p.c. above its 1975 value after slipping below 90 p.c. in 1979.

The strength of the dollar is in fact the wonder of the age. For the past two years the overwhelming majority of forecasters have been predicting an imminent and sharpy decline in the relative value of the dollar. It has defied all the predictions, and even the recent fall in American interest rates has not affected it.

For the time being the dollar reflects the abundance of confidence in the United States economy and its prospects, which is in marked contrast to the excessive gloom projected by President Carter's policies.

Sterling low

The dollar's strength is reflected in the weakness of sterling, which touched another all-time low yesterday morning before staging a modest rally based on better news from the oil exporters' meeting in Geneva.

Even that was not enough to stop it recording an all-time low for the close of business at $1·1625 in London last night, and the trade-weighted average value at 73·2 p.c. is only 0·5 above the trading low earlier this month.

Yesterday saw the first real signs of concern about sterling's weakness expressed in the City and the first hint that a re-run of events in the summer which led to base rates being forced sharply higher could be in the making. Until now Mr Lawson, Chancellor, has been able to trade on his successes in forecasting faster economic growth than any of his City critics and has been able to press for still lower interest rates and sustained economic growth regardless of the downward drift in sterling.

So far businessmen and investors prefer the Chancellor's optimism to the critics' doubts. Yesterday, not for the first time, the record low for sterling coincided with a record high for shares. Investors reckon, consciously or unconsciously that we are at that charmed stage of every economic cycle when a depreciating currency creates a positive boost for exports, output, sales and profits without too much risk of triggering inflationary pressures.

Even the economists who have noted that average pay settlements look like creeping up again in 1985 do not think they pose much threat of inflation during the next 12 months. Most forecasts for inflation expect an upturn, but most forecasters predict that prices will rise no more than 5·5 to 6 p.c. in 1985 itself.

The Chancellor is, of course, taking a calculated risk that the United States economy will slow down gently without triggering a dollar crisis or reversing the stimulus the American boom has given to other economies. Most forecasters appear to agree with him there.

He is also gambling that the oil exporters will patch up an agreement which will keep oil revenues, converted into sterling, high enough to finance the tax cuts he plans to introduce on March 19.

A surge in the dollar or too sharp a slump would be equally bad for Britain. And a $5 fall in oil prices would require the pound to fall to par with the dollar to maintain Government revenues sufficient to finance the tax cuts, with the obvious risks of refuelling inflation in the process. But the majority view is that Mr Lawson will probably get away with it.

In Monday's City Pages

NEW YEAR share tips are as much a tradition of the season as first footing. In Monday's Questor Column, David Brewerton offers his selections for 1985 confident that Questor will continue to outperform the market.

Also in Monday's City Pages Colin Campbell reviews his mining portfolio of 1984 and selects five shares for 1985.

Business coming up for sale: market leader, famous name: price up to £500 million, with strings. Christopher Fildes names it in his Lombard Street column.

In Economic Commentary Frances Williams looks at 'softnomics' — the shape of things to come?

IBM's bottom-of-the-range cmputer PCjr looked set to be a disaster but by price cutting and massive marketing the giant company has got it selling. Michael Becket examines the implications for customers and the industry.

Our man in Washington, Jim Srodes, talks with Thomas Robinson, international economist with Merrill Lynch, about the state of play in world capital markets.

Bath & Portland to hive off Meditech

BATH & Portland has agreed to hive-off its loss-making body-scanner company, Meditech, into a new company whose main backing will come from Gresham House.

Consolidated Goldfields, which has made an agreed £61·5 million takeover bid for Bath & Portland at the same time topping C. H. Beazer's £48 million offer, has agreed to the move.

Gresham House and other investors will subscribe £425,000 for an 85 p.c. equity stake in the business to be renamed Meditech Engineering. Bath & Portland will retain a 15 p.c. stake and hold 800,000 cumulative redeemable preference shares. Exact redemption terms will depend on Meditech's sales.

● Consolidated Goldfields yesterday announced it had irrevocable acceptances of 20·4 p.c. for its offer for Bath & Portland. Beazer managed very few acceptances by yesterday's first closing date but with its own holdings has some 22·3 p.c. of the equity. Its own offer has been extended until January 25.

Matthew Brown shares soar

MATTHEW BROWN shares rose another 28p to 310p yesterday as bid speculation mounted over the Blackburn brewer whose prospects have been enhanced by the successful takeover of Theakston and the acquisition of the Carlisle-area pubs of Courage.

"We have received no approach from any quarter regarding a takeover bid," said a statement by directors.

U.S. COMMODITIES

GOLD (Comex): Jan 308·60 (307·40). Feb 310·00 (309·20). Apr 314·00 (313·30). Jun 318·00 (317·30). Aug 323·40 (322·70). Oct 328·40 (327·70). Dec 333·50 (333·00). Jan 337·40 (336·70). Estimated sales: 25,500 contracts.

SILVER: Jan. 648·5 (643·1). Feb. 652·5 (650·5). March 657·0 (654·0). May 656·8 (655·7). July 667·1 (663·9). Sept. 678·0 (674·1). Dec. 690·1 (687·0). March 712·6 (708·5). May 725·5 (721·4). July 732·4 (734·5). Sept. 751·8 (747·7). Estimated sales: 15,000 contracts.

COPPER: Jan 56·50 (56·00). Mar 57·40 (56·90). May 58·10 (57·55). Jly 58·20 (58·30). Sep 59·10 (59·05). Dec 60·60 (60·10). Jan 60·55 (60·45). Mar 61·70 (61·20). May 62·50 (62·00). Jly 63·35 (62·75). Sep 64·00 (63·50). Estimated sales 6,000 contracts.

COCOA: March 2056 (2041). May 2081 (2064). July 2090 (2068). Sept. 2098 (2066). Dec. 2097 (2025). March 2037 (2025). Estimated sales: 1,163 contracts.

Opec deal fails to impress markets

By ROLAND GRIBBEN

OIL markets were unimpressed yesterday by the new output monitoring pact hammered out by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries as part of a package aimed at avoiding a collapse in prices.

Crude oil prices dropped further in spot market trading in Europe and the United States while Opec ministers continued talks in Geneva to bridge differences over modest price changes.

North Sea Brent oil was being quoted at a discount of $2·05 a barrel on its official price of $28·65 in European trading while Saudi Arabian light, the Opec marker, stood at $28 a barrel, against a contract level of $29.

Brent oil was quoted at $26·45-55 for loading next month, a drop of 50 cents over the week.

Prices in New York for crude and petroleum products were lower as oil analysts joined in the sceptical response to the Opec manoeuvres. Criticism centred on the absence of sanctions against states continuing to cheat on quotes once the new policing system came into force.

But traders maintained that Opec ministers were still failing to recognise that prices need to fall by $1·50 to $2 a barrel to restore stability to a market with a surplus of oil.

Britain is continuing to sit on the sidelines until the full Opec package can be assessed. The British National Oil Corporation has already served warning that it will have little option but to cut prices in the New Year unless there is a big recovery in spot prices.

The main stumbling block in the way of a full Opec agreement yesterday was the gulf between Nigeria and other states, led by Saudi Arabia over narrowing the $3 a barrel gap between heavy and light oils.

Nigeria was pressing for a $1·1·50 a barrel rise in the $26 base price for heavy oil and no change in light oil prices. Saudi Arabia wants no more than a 50 cent rise in heavy crudes and a 25 cent reduction in the lighter oils.

Argentine debt deadline met

INTERNATIONAL banks have met the end-year deadline for commitments to the crucial Argentine debts deal negotiated earlier this month.

This means that Argentina is now certain to receive the blessing of the International Monetary Fund for what is seen by international bankers as the most important economic package yet agreed.

William Rhodes, a senior vice-president of Citibank and a key figure in negotiations between the banks and Argentina, said in New York yesterday that commitments to the Argentine package had reached 90 p.c. of the full amount required, thus meeting IMF insistence on a "critical mass" of bank money.

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH SHARE RACE 1985

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COMPANIES

Wm Low buys Laws Stores

DUNDEE-BASED supermarket operator Wm Low and Co. itself widely tipped as a takeover target, is buying Laws Stores, a privately-owned food chain in the North East, for £6·85 million in a package of shares, loan notes and cash.

Laws, with its head office at Gateshead, operates 44 stores in the North East and in the south east of Scotland with a total sales area of 170,000 sq ft.

Pre-tax profits for the year to April were £45,000 on a turnover of £54 million. Net assets were £4·69 million.

Wm Low's managing director, *James Milar, says the acquisition*, which should be completed next month, "will give us a base in the north of England which we have been seeking for some time."

The shares closed at 513p, up 8p.

IN BRIEF

A I Industrial Products: Cumulative preference dividend due Dec. 31 *will not be paid.*

Stavert Zigomala: First half p t pft £28,300 (£22,900). T o £236,000 (£227,600). EPS, per Ordinary, 6·64p (5·28p): per deferred, 5·23p (4·1p). As usual, no int div.

Bestwood: First half pre-tax profit £4,000 (£113,000) including income from investments and interest £13,000 (£116,000). Turnover £497,000 (£520,000). Eps 0·15p (4·88p).

RIGHTS ISSUES

Comben

COMBEN GROUP, a Trafalgar *House subsidiary*, is redeeming all its 2·9m 11·575 p.c. cumulative redeemable preference shares on April 1 at 107·5p a share. Holders will also get the fixed cumulative dividend due on March 31 of 5·6875p, exclusive of associated tax credit.

BIDS AND DEALS

Brooke Bond sells Baxters

UNION INTERNATIONAL, the Vestey family's food and transportation business, is buying Baxters Butchers from Brooke Bond for £24 million cash.

Brooke Bond has been trying to sell Baxters for two years. Last October Brooke Bond was taken over by Unilever which successfully outbid Tate & Lyle for the group with a £389 million offer.

As well as Baxters Unilever said it would review the position of Brooke Bond's timber subsidiary, Mallinson Denny. But a spokesman said yesterday no decision has been taken yet on Mallinson Denny's future.

United Newspapers

THE SECRETARY of State for Trade and Industry has given his consent for United Newspapers to become proprietor of the newspapers owned by the Yellow Advertiser Group, a free newspaper publisher.

The proposals form part of United's agreed £88·5m bid for Link House Publications, which has gone unconditional.

Churchbury

THE formal offer document in the Greycoat City Offices £66m bid for Churchbury Estates, shows that holders of the Churchbury convertible stock will receive 95·01 new Greycoat shares plus £66·38 nominal of loan stock for each £100 nominal of Churchbury convertible stock.

Comfort-Ladbroke

IN YESTERDAY'S Questor column the caption to the graph was incorrect. The solid line related to Ladbroke Group and the dotted line, which showed the greater rise in recent weeks, represented the share price movement of Comfort Hotels.

MONEY & EXCHANGES

Another hard day for pound

THE dollar climbed to new peaks against the pound and other major currencies in foreign exchange markets yesterday as investors took the view that the next move in American interest rates is more likely to be up than down.

The soaring dollar and continued oil price fears sent the pound to a low of $1.1580 in early London trading. But sterling recovered later, helped by German action in support of the mark. It ended the day at $1.1627 against $1.1643 overnight.

The sterling index, measuring the pound's performance against all major currencies, closed 0·1 down at 75·2 having touched its previous low of 73 earlier in the day.

Fears for the pound and expectations of higher money costs across the Atlantic forced up the price of wholesale funds in London. The key three-month interbank rate rose from 10 p.c. to 10 1/16 p.c. yesterday, thus raising fears that British bank *base rates may* eventually be forced up from their present level of 9½ p.c.

Upward pressure on British money costs was reflected in a rise from 9·1155 p.c. to 9·1225 p.c. in the Treasury bill rate at the weekly tender.

The Bank of England acted generously yesterday to prevent *cash shortages* in the banking system adding to other pressures on money costs. The Bank provided a cash injection of £781 million against an estimated liquidity shortage of £750 million.

COMMODITIES

LONDON METAL MARKETS
Rudolf Wolff Report:

COPPER: Steadier. Wire bars: off settlement £1,123 (£1,128), off midday cash £1,122-£1,123, 3 months £1,128-£1,129·50, after close cash £1,128-£1,128·50, 3 months £1,132-£1,132·50. T/o 26,950 tonnes.

CATHODES: Quiet. off settlement £1,117 (£1,131), off midday cash £1,116-£1,117, 3 months £1,122-£1,130, after close cash £1,120-£1,122, 3 months £1,132-£1,134. T/o 1,075 tonnes.

TIN: Steady. Off settlement £9,920 (£9,940), off midday cash £9,910-£9,920, 3 months £9,900-£9,905, after close cash £9,935-£9,945, 3 months £9,905-£9,910. T/o 985 tonnes.

LEAD: Steady. Off settlement £582 (£583), off midday cash £580-£582, 3 months £586·50-£587, after close cash £586-£590, 3 months £586·50-£587. T/o 17,700 tonnes.

ZINC: Steady. Off settlement £682 (£687), off midday cash £681-£682, 3 months £675·50-£676, after close cash £680-£681, 3 months £675-£676. T/O 4,900 tonnes.

SILVER: Steady. Midday cash 548p-548·5p, 3 months 558·5p-559p, after close cash 548·5-549·5p 3 months 560·5p-561p. T/O 33 lots of 10,000 ozs each.

ALUMINIUM: Firmer. Off settlement £898·50 (£901·50), off midday cash £898-£898·50, 3 months £919-£920, after close cash £903-£905, 3 months £925-£926. T/O 9,400 tonnes.

NICKEL: Steadier. Off settlement £4,075 (£4,060), off midday cash £4,070-£4,075, 3 months £4,120-£4,125 after close cash £4,090-£4,100, 3 months £4,140-£4,145. T/O 1,806 tonnes.

LONDON GOLD FUTURES (price in $): Feb 309·85. T/O 58 lots of 100 troy ozs each.

LONDON SILVER MARKET: Spot 547·60 (536·75), 3 months 559·60 (548·60), 6 months 573·70 (562·30), 1 year 598·85 (588·40).

PLATINUM: Free market £250·30 (£250·10).

LONDON COMMODITY MARKETS

RUBBER: Spot 63-66 (63-66). Futures: very quiet. Jan £600-£660, Feb £610-£670, Mar £630-£680, Apr £630-£690, May £640-£700, Jun £650-£710, Jly £660-£720, Aug £670-£730, Sep £680-£740. T/O 15 lots.

COFFEE £ per ton: Jan. 2348, March 2976, May 2867, July 2237, Sept. 2248, Nov. 2243. Sales 1,953.

COCOA £ per ton: Dec. 1826, March 1869, May 1876, July 1882, Sept. 1880, Dec. 1840. Sales 2,418.

SISAL: East African quoted levels. No. 1 basis $680, No. 3 Long $660. CIF Antwerp prices.

SUGAR: London daily price, raws £79·50-£92·50. No. 6 contract ($ per tonne). May 119·40-119·60, May 126·40-126·60, Aug 136·30-140, Oct 143·20-143·40, Dec 149·30-149·80, Nov 164·40-164·80, May 170-171·4. T/O 1,240 lots.

SOYA MEAL: Easier. Feb £143·50-£144, Apr £143·50-£143·90, Jun £144·60-£145, Aug £147-£147·50, Oct £148-£149, Dec £150-£151, Feb £151·50-£154. T/O 541 lots.

CRUDE OIL

Rotterdam spot prices in $: Arab Light 28. North Sea (Forties) 36·60. North Sea (Brent) 36·75.

GAS OIL FUTURES

Premier Mas reports: Dec. 217-216·50, Jan. 219·25-219, Feb. 219-218·75, March 216-215·75, April 213·25-213, May 214-213, June 216-213, July 218-210, Aug. 222-208. Volume 1,709.

LONDON GRAIN MARKETS

LONDON BARLEY. £ per ton: Jan. 110·90, March 113·50 May 116·70, Sept. 98, Nov. 101·35.

WHEAT "A.B." £ per ton: Jan. 109·60, March 113, May 114·75, July 113·70, Sept. 98·05.

(GAFTA)

PIGMEAT (Gafta): Feb 112·5p, Apr 111·5p, Jun 108·3p, Aug 103·3p, Oct 111·5p, Nov 111·6p. T/O 18 lots.

POTATOES (Gafta): Feb £46·80, Apr £54·70, May £57·40, Nov £70·30, Feb £82. T/O 50 lots of 40 tonnes each.

LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets yesterday: GB cattle 100·57 p per kg lw (+2·11); GB sheep 207·6d p per kg est d c w (+14·38); GB pigs 94·04 p per kg lw (+10·20). England and Wales: Cattle nos up 143·5 p.c. ave. price 100·71p (+2·10); sheep nos up 169·9 p.c. ave. price 208·06p (+14·12); pig nos up 160·7 p.c. ave. price 94·04p (+10·20). Scotland: Cattle nos down 31·8 p.c. ave. price 99·49p (+1·27); sheep nos up 242·7 p.c. ave. price 206·56p (+16·39).

AUSTRALIAN SHARE PRICES

AS 1984 High	Low	Company	AS Middle Price	£ Price	Change on week
5·46	4·27	ANZ Banking Group	5·15	3·65	+0·03
4·60	2·20	Ampol Exploration	2·28	1·62	+0·10
1·97	1·66	ACI International	1·93	1·37	+0·04
2·48	1·85	Aust. Paper Manufacturer	2·17	1·54	+0·01
0·87	0·23	Beach Petroleum	0·63	0·45	——
7·00	3·90	Bell Group	4·68	3·32	+0·08
3·59	3·45	Brambles	3·59	2·54	−0·01
3·65	2·05	Bridge Oil	2·40	1·70	+0·11
5·90	4·61	Broken Hill Proprietary	5·07	3·59	+0·05
6·20	4·54	C R A	4·92	3·49	−0·01
4·40	2·73	C S R	2·73	1·93	−0·05
4·21	3·33	Coles G. J.	3·93	2·79	+0·03
3·54	2·28	Elders IXL	3·07	2·18	+0·02
3·95	1·78	Hardie (James) Inds.	2·99	2·12	−0·01
1·84	1·35	Hooker Corp.	1·84	1·30	−0·01
2·50	1·79	ICI Australia	2·03	1·44	−0·01
5·82	4·07	Lend Lease	5·21	3·69	−0·03
4·14	2·31	MIM Holdings	2·31	1·64	−0·02
3·86	2·10	Mayne Nickless	2·89	2·05	−0·04
2·25	1·22	Myer Emporium	1·65	1·17	−0·01
13·00	7·80	News Corp.	11·35	8·04	+0·92
5·17	2·45	Nicholas Kiwi	5·17	3·66	−0·02
1·20	0·60	Oakbridge	0·73	0·52	+0·07
2·18	1·70	P & O Australia	2·16	1·53	−0·01
2·10	1·26	Pioneer Concrete	1·61	1·14	+0·05
1·20	0·95	Q.C.T.	1·09	0·77	+0·02
4·40	2·45	Renison Goldfields	3·48	2·47	+0·01
6·96	5·25	Santos	5·52	3·91	−0·01
2·10	1·36	Thomas N'wide Transport	1·71	1·21	−0·01
7·30	3·35	Weeks Petroleum	4·25	3·01	−0·09
4·40	2·75	Western Mining Corp.	2·88	2·04	+0·06
4·08	3·44	Westpac	3·44	2·44	−0·32
1·36	0·91	Woodside Petroleum	0·96	0·68	−0·02
3·52	2·48	Wormald International	3·08	2·18	−0·01

Source: J. B. Were.

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FAMILY MONEY-GO-ROUND

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SAVE & PROSPER THE WINNER

GIVE 11 leading unit trust managers £5,000 to invest in up to three of their own trusts, and what happens? We did just that at the start of the year, and eight have come up with profits of some sort, while three would have been better off leaving their investment in cash, writes RICHARD NORTHEDGE.

Our annual unit trust managers competition requires them to operate on exactly the same terms that they would offer to the investing public. They buy at offer prices and sell at bid prices; they can switch as often as they like, but apart from the discount that they offer other investors, they must pay the cost of the spread.

The £5,000 is only nominal of course, but any investor who followed Save & Prosper's choice would be sitting on an 18 p.c. net gain if he sold at the prices that will be available on Monday—the last trading day of the year.

Save & Prosper have come top in their golden jubilee year—but their gain compares with a 25 p.c. rise in the F T Actuaries Index of United Kingdom shares for instance—which though excluding dealing costs on the one hand, also excludes dividends paid on those shares. Our managers' units are accumulation units or we re-invest dividends.

Save & Prosper's capital gain is less than the 46 p.c. scored in 1983 by the then winners, T S B. But all competitors made a profit that year, and we warned in January that managers would find it much harder to make any sort of gain in 1984.

This year's winner, and Schroder the runner-up, both put two-thirds of their money into their Japanese smaller companies funds — Schroder's launched only in January. And it was there that they scored their success: S & P's Investment Trust Units in particular have only just broken even.

But the loss-making trusts include two technology funds, two gold trusts, a gilt fund, Henderson's Global Healthcare fund, and an Australian and Far Eastern fund.

Britannia's Far East fund is biased not to the successful Japan, but to Malaysia and Singapore: Target also started with its Malaysian fund but chose to switch at a loss to its better performing Pacific trust early in the year.

Target also switched from its Special Situations fund to its gold trust at a small loss—only to see gold perform even more badly.

Switching is expensive however, even if Target's 4 p.c. discounts are more generous than other companies'. The only other switch during the year was Hill Samuel's move from Japanese Technology to its Dollar fund.

The best performing single trust — beating even the gains of more than 20 p.c. in the two Japanese Smaller Companies funds, was M & G's Midland & General with a gain of more than 50 p.c. Even with M & G's Gold fund tumbling by 20 p.c., the United Kingdom biased Midland & General left it in overall fourth position.

Gold trusts had been the worst performers of 1983, but their further fall this year gave no credence to the school which advocates picking last year's losers as this year's winners. Equally though, last year's winners were not this year's.

G T's European fund was the best performing trust in 1983, but like Schroder's European fund, showed only a modest gain in 1984. And G T's poor performing Technology & Growth fund means it joins Target at the bottom and means they won't be back in 1985's competition.

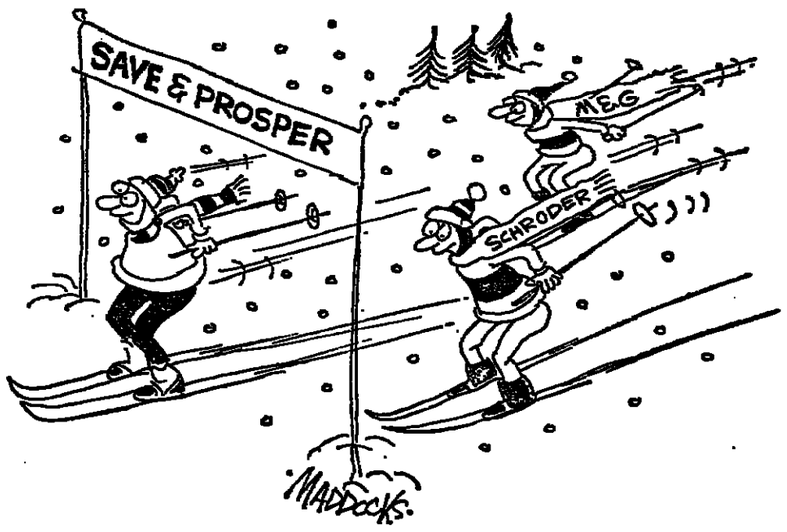
That, unfortunately is the nature of the competition, but we would emphasise that this is only a competition. Unit trust managers would not normally be forced to select investments for an exact 12 month period, and there can be a temptation to gamble on a possible high-flyer just to be among the winners. There has to be an element of luck for the winners too—though they might not admit it too loudly.

It is worth pointing out that this year's winner, Save & Prosper, was second from bottom last year, and that this year's worst performer, Target, came second last year. More consistently, both T S B and Schroder have been in the top three this year and last.

So that's how they got on this year. Next week we will add new unit trust managers to the competition, and tell you what they are choosing for the new year. And 1985 should really test their skills.

HOW THE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS FARED

Manager	Trust	Original investment	Value last night	Total
Save & Prosper	Inv Tst Units	£1,000	£1,038	£3,572
	Japan Smaller Cos	£2,000	£2,534	
Schroder	European	£1,000	£1,110	£3,550
	Japan Smaller Cos	£2,000	£2,440	
TSB	Selected Opportunities	£3,000	£3,516	£3,516
M&G	Gold & General	£1,000	£789	£3,431
	Midland & General	£2,000	£2,642	
Allied	Japan Trust	£3,000	£3,319	£3,319
Henderson	Capital Growth	£1,500	£1,732	£3,166
	Global Healthcare	£1,500	£1,434	
Hill Samel	£2,000 of Japanese Tech switched to £1,970 of Dollar Trust	£2,000	£2,118	£3,164
	Special Situations	£1,000	£1,046	
Barclays Unicorn	Australia	£1,000	£828	£3,07_
	Professional	£1,000	£1,159	
	Worldwide	£1,000	£1,092	
Britannia	American Growth	£1,000	£1,036	£2,919
	Far East	£1,000	£957	
	Gilts. Trust	£1,000	£926	
GT	European	£1,500	£1,586	£2,737
	Technology & Growth	£1,500	£1,151	
Target	£1,000 of Special Sit's switched to £997	£1,000	£812	£2,581
	Gold: £1,000 of Malaysian switched to £902 of Pacific	£1,000	£970	
	Technology	£1,000	£800	



HUNT THE LAST POUND

NO pound notes will leave the Bank of England after Monday: no new notes are being issued in 1985 and the existing stock will be steadily withdrawn and replaced with coins.

So on Monday night we'll be closing the first round of our competition to find the final pound note in England. We are looking for the note with the highest number, and will be awarding our initial prize to the reader who has come up with that number by Monday's final post.

But don't worry if you can't get your entry to us by then: the competition will continue through January when we will be awarding further prizes to any notes with still higher numbers.

Though the Bank of England will not be issuing any further notes after the end of this year, the high street banks will have stocks of new notes that they can continue giving to the public even in 1985. So the last pound note in England might still not leave the Bank of England until Monday; it could be lying in a bank vault ready for release—or it could already be in your purse or in a shop till.

Wherever it is, we want you to find it.

And whoever has that note will have a valuable collectors' item, just like a rare stamp.

But while hundreds of new entries have come in for our competition over the past week—despite the holidays—our highest note to beat has not progressed far. The highest number we gave last week was from the DY21 series, and so is this week's.

Indeed, it is only 8,980 notes higher than that of a week ago—despite the quantity of DY21 notes which readers have found.

There are one million notes in that series, but this week's leader, with just days to go before the first deadline falls, is only 857 notes from the end of that series, so it seems highly likely that there are notes with DY22, DY23 or higher serial numbers. If you have one, it beats the number shown here and it could be a winner, so tell us.

HIGHEST NUMBER SO FAR

DY 21 999162

CAN YOU BEAT IT?

Even one of those final DY21 notes with a number higher than this week's could be a winner. And any note with the letters DZ would be from a much later series.

But the note must be signed by the current Chief Cashier, D H F Somerset, if it is one of the latest; so check the signature as well as the number.

If you have got a higher numbered note, don't send it to us. Instead, hang onto it (it could be valuable) and write giving us its number too: Last Note, Daily Telegraph City Office, 110, Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4P 4BS. Adding a phone number would help us check winners too.

● Two readers have actually informed us of higher numbers than the one here from the Reading reader, but we have yet to check them. But some readers may also find they have Somerset-signed notes with the letters M N.

The Bank of England's numbering system is to use two letters, the first of which has progressed through A, B and C to D, together with a second letter from the second half of the alphabet.

A N is thus the first lettering sequence, and after the letters are a pair of numbers between 01 and 84, and for each combination of letters and numbers, a million notes are printed.

It might thus seem that M N notes come long after D Y notes. In fact, they were printed first and are effectively an experimental series used by the Bank for research. So these M N notes will not win our competition, but anyone finding one should hang on to it and keep it in good condition.

Like special or flawed stamps, these notes have their own value to collectors, and there is little doubt that such notes are worth more than their face value.

A VERY ORDINARY ACCOUNT

THERE is £1,741 million lying in National Savings Ordinary Accounts, but the rate of interest paid is a paltry 3 p.c. or 6 p.c. Next Monday and Tuesday make a wealth of difference which of those two rate savers receive, however.

The rate normally paid by the Government on these Ordinary Accounts is 3 p.c., but for anyone whose balance exceeds £500 for the whole of a period from December 31 to the January 1 just over a year later, the rate is doubled.

So any sizeable balance that has been in such an account since December 31, 1983, will earn the 6 p.c. if it is left there until after Tuesday — though if it were left there until December 31, 1985, it would only earn the 3 p.c. The money must stay in the account for a year and a day — and not just any year and a day, but a calendar year.

So any account with a balance that stays over £500 from Monday — New Year's Eve — right through until January 1, 1986, will earn the 6 p.c.

The lesson therefore must be:

● If you want to get the 6 p.c. for 1985, open an account or get the balance over £500 by Monday.

● If you have had over £500 all year since last New Year's Eve, keep it there another few days.

● If you have an Ordinary Account balance but are sure it will fall below £500 during 1985, close the account at the start of the year and invest the funds at a better rate than 3 p.c.

But even at 6 p.c. it is questionable whether savers are best served with such an account. The inflexibility of having to maintain a balance not only for 12 months, but for the 12 months dictated by the Government, reduces the attraction of the account.

Some savers do use the account as they might a building society: making small deposits or withdrawals whenever necessary. Given that cash withdrawals can be made from post offices, there is a convenience therefore.

But though £100 can be withdrawn on demand, the passbook will be retained for any withdrawal of over £50, and that reduces the convenience. (Customers with accounts for over six months may be allowed to withdraw £250 a day from the post office where their account is held and keep the book, if they apply.)

The account is less flexible than most building society equivalents, therefore.

And the National Savings Ordinary Account pays interest only for complete calendar months. Cash deposited on December 3 and withdrawn on January 30 would earn nothing over those 58 days therefore, because there was no complete month.

So what advantages, if any, does the Ordinary Account have? The principal benefit is that the first £70 of interest is tax-free, so £1,167 deposited for the full year would generate that £70 at 6 p.c., and a standard rate taxpayer would have had to receive 8·57 p.c. gross elsewhere to achieve that.

But he can get 8·57 p.c. net on far larger sums from a building society with none of the qualifications.

The rate would be worth 15 p.c. gross to a top rate tax payer, however, so becomes worthwhile, and both husband and wife can receive the £70 tax-free.

But any further interest is taxed at normal income tax rates. So a £2,000 deposit for a whole calendar year would leave a standard rate payer with £105 interest, equal to a net 5¼ p.c. or equivalent to 7½ p.c. gross. A top-rate taxpayer would be left with £90, worth 4½ p.c. net or equivalent to 11¼ p.c. gross, which is not impossible to achieve less onerously from elsewhere.

And as the balance rises, the value of the interest falls. For £3,000 the standard rate taxpayer receives a net 4·9 p.c., worth 7 p.c. gross, and the top-rate tax payer receives 3·8 p.c. net, worth 9·5 p.c. gross. That is nothing special.

So while now is the time to consider the Ordinary Account, perhaps that consideration should cause you to reject it.

Richard Northedge

FAMILY MONEY-GO-ROUND

Expert advice for 1985 . . .

We asked five experts in managing other investors' money what they recommend for 1985. Making profits would be too easy if they all agreed, but there is a pattern of conformity in their views.

Brian Tora, Touche Remnant Financial Management.

AS we leave 1984 with the United Kingdom stock market at a record high level, and with the initial euphoria that surrounded British Telecom dying away, the early part of 1985 may have something of a hangover quality to it.

I am not pessimistic for the UK market, and think that fundamentals will support current levels even if we get off to a bumpy start. The outlook for gilt edged looks quite cheerful, and base rates should fall by at least a further 1 p.c.

We are rather less enthusiastic about the United States where the budget deficit remains a major problem and economic growth has slowed considerably. In 1985 I feel inclined to leave the U.S. out of our list of recommendations, as I would Japan despite its importance in world market terms.

Hongkong has been very much in the news, and the market seems to have recovered its poise. Share prices are likely to remain volatile

The private investor should look at those unit trusts invested in the U.K. market with an above average yield and with some fixed interest exposure such as our own Income Growth Trust. A Hongkong unit trust, such as Gartmore, could also be included, but perhaps with rather less money to reflect the higher risk. A resource accented unit trust could also be included. I favour Rothschild's with its very successful record for commodity management.

Finally, I think Europe's stock markets should not be overlooked as values on many of the bourses, particularly Scandinavia and Switzerland, look cheap by world standards, whilst currency adjustments could enhance the return to the United Kingdom investor. Save & Prosper and GT both run successful, broadly based, European unit trusts.

Graham Mann, Grieveson Grant & Co., Stockbrokers

THE biggest question of 1985 still concerns the future of the United States economy. The apparently insoluble budget problem is likely to remain a negative influence, producing as it does high interest rates and an overvalued dollar.

United Kingdom equities are at an absolute high and could be a little vulnerable in the short run, but basic values remain sound. Our bias remains towards quality growth stocks, particularly those linked to the consumer.

We would commit about half of portfolios to good quality United Kingdom equities.

Japan's market seems less worried about United States developments than perhaps should be the case. The economic numbers remain impressive but they are expected to turn down in the second half of 1985, while the level of the market already reflects a continuation of strong growth. Japan remains the world's most efficient major economy and the currency still promises profits against sterling, but we would reduce portfolio weighting to no more than 10 p.c.

Europe's economies have recovered more slowly from the recession but look set to achieve very acceptable growth in 1985. We would commit up to 20 p.c. of portfolios to Europe, through a successful unit trust.

Despite our hesitant comments about the United States, the market is not expensively rated and we would commit about 10 p.c. of portfolios there. The balance of about 10 p.c. we would hold on deposit to react to opportunities such as TSB and British Airways.

Richard Bernays, Mercury Fund Managers and Warburg Investment Management.

THE dull market in the United States during the past year has left interesting opportunities for 1985. The stock market continues to look undervalued.

We believe that Japan will continue in the vanguard of the technological revolution and the fundamental attractions of Japanese industry remain unchanged.

Perhaps the major determining factor for the beginning of next year will be the outlook for the level of domestic consumer expenditure. There is evidence of slowing export growth and also fierce competition in areas such as semi-conductors. We therefore approach 1985 with a certain amount of caution, and would expect to see a correction after the current end-of-year run. Later the Japanese market could advance to new highs.

The United Kingdom stock market has now had its third consecutive year of substantial gains and further progress can be expected next year. The relative weakness of sterling should continue to benefit profits.

Europe's stock markets look well set to break new ground in 1985.

There is a lot to be said in favour of the private investor selecting a general fund with wide discretion as to its areas of investment—an example of such a fund in our stable would be the Mercury International Fund.

A more specific investment suggestion would be the Mercury European Fund as we feel that the prospects for the European markets in 1985 are particularly good.

Glynne Clay, Richard Longstaff Unit Trust Portfolio Management.

1984 WAS an excellent year for the United Kingdom stock market and it is hard to imagine the same dynamic performance in 1985, even if one does substitute British Aerospace and TSB for British Telecom.

Undoubtedly many excellent profit figures are still to come through, benefiting from the weak Sterling rate, but a pause for breath in the New Year will be no surprise. Specifically, most recovery funds have recovered and most growth stocks grown, so it may be safer to turn to income and asset funds like Henderson's, or one of the specialist funds.

The United States does, at last, seem to be taking a hard look at itself and its monetary policies, although by the performance of Wall Street, the Americans themselves cannot yet see the wood for the trees.

A fund with a high yield, the Save & Prosper's American Income & Growth, with a heavy leaning towards convertible loan stocks, looks a classic eachway bet, whilst at the other end of the spectrum is the G T's Technology & Growth, a poor performer in 1984, with a minimum return of income. United States high-tech may be 1985's high flyer.

Japan looks to us to be a good long term banker, with no inflation to speak of and a currency advantage (try the new Charterhouse J. Rothschild Japan Fund based in Bermuda) but, like the United Kingdom, not immediately cheap. On the other hand, European funds are on very low ratings by our standards — Mercury's European Fund run by Consuelo Brooke looks excellent value.

And a good all round investment? The Perpetual International Emerging Companies Fund.

John Savage, Hoare Govett Unit Trust Advisory Service.

REFLECTING on 1984 is a fairly pleasant task. The F T All-Share Index has gained 23 p.c. and Japan, currency adjusted, has made the UK investor 38 p.c. Wall Street has barely moved but the dollar gained a further 16 p.c. against sterling.

Can equity markets in 1985 be so kind? I think not, although returns could still compare favourably with the domestic inflation rate of around 5 p.c.

Investors have responded favourably to the recent cuts in United States money rates. The "bullish" view is that the retrenchement process is over and that further monetary easing is inevitable.

We would not be so sure. The President is not going to find it easy to solve the budget deficit problem and we do not see the Fed. risking dollar weakness with the United States external trade account so chronically out of balance.

We think it may be closer to the middle of 1985 before a convincing and meaningful credit easing is initiated. In the meantime the now accepted low rates of inflation in the major economies and overall economic progress may not be sufficient to provide equity investors with renewed enthusiasm.

Against this background we would recommend a defensive stance in the very short term. Income producing unit trusts, even for "growth" investors, such as Save & Prosper High Return, Montagu United States Special Income and Govett Pacific Income could well prove attractive in the months ahead.

FAMILY MONEY-GO-ROUND

CHECKING FINANCIAL HEALTH

RESOLUTIONS

Niall Sweeney suggests some New Year resolutions which could prove profitable.

HAVING survived Christmas, the turkey, and the relatives, it is time to get down to the serious business—how to make the same amount of money stretch a lot further in 1985 than it did in 1984.

This is not a get-rich-quick guide as the chances are that you will never fashion a fortune if you have to read about how to do it first. Rather it is a checklist for those savers or investors who resent paying any more than is absolutely necessary and who get particular enjoyment from being able to beat the system, legally of course.

All it requires is a little bit of financial reorganisation. And what better time to do it? Too much eating, too much merry-making, and the nagging conscience is already beginning to flash red warning lights. Fortunately, everybody knows logging is dangerous, but running a quick financial health checklist could be just the answer.

Think about it: the exercise should be highly profitable, does not require anything like the same amount of physical effort and, even better, you have a number of ready-made New Year's resolutions.

You will not make enough to keep you *in champagne* for the next 12 months, but even if you follow some of the tips given below you should be able to afford at least a bottle or two and enjoy the drinking even more with the knowledge that the champagne has cost *you nothing.*

1—Top of your New Year's bargain shopping list could be a new bank manager, particularly if you bank at Barclays, Natwest or Lloyds. Only last month, the Midland did do the decent thing and abolished all charges for those who keep in credit.

Nicely timed for Christmas it may well have been, but a *philanthropic gesture* it was certainly not; the Midland wants new customers. Of course, you may be a customer of the Yorkshire Bank, Williams & Glyn's, or the Co-op and so already enjoy free banking. But if you are one of the 50 *p.c. of clearing bank customers* who currently pay charges, this could be a most propitious switch, assuming that you can actually keep in credit.

The deciding factor is how much you value your present bank manager. Ask yourself how much you think he is worth the next time you have to pay bank charges.

2—Talking of bank accounts, make sure you keep your T S B account open, whatever you do. We already know that customers who had an account on December 17 will receive preferential treatment when the shares are offered to the public.

Even if you do not have an account there yourself, someone in the family may still *have an account languishing* somewhere with a princely sum of at least five shillings to the good. It will take some tracking down, but the effort could make *you* some money. Don't wait until the prospectus has been issued—it will be too *late then.*

3—If you have a mortgage, you will have been pleased to see that the mortgage rate has fallen by about one percentage point or so. It is at times like this that many repayment mortgage borrowers try to maintain their payments at the higher level so as to reduce the term. Laudable as this might be, it is wrong.

You should be reducing the standing order payment and investing the balance on a monthly basis into a subscription account. Then just before the building society's accounting year-end, withdraw all the money from the subscription account, together with the accumulated interest, and make a once-off payment against your mortgage.

It is a bit more fiddly, but more effective as a means of reducing the mortgage term.

4—While on the subject of mortgages, now is the time to take advantage of the societies' embarrassment at being flush with funds but with not a borrower in sight. Differential mortgage rates are being swiftly eroded once again, and you should be able to get loans for purposes other than house purchase and improvement (although not necessarily the *mortgage interest relief as well).*

So if you were caught out by the huge *differentials a few* months ago when money was tight, now is the time to consider a remortgage with another society or one of the banks. Likewise, if you want a loan for a car or the school fees, make the building society manager your *first port of call.* The rate is a lot cheaper than can be obtained elsewhere and you can have a much longer term which reduces the monthly repayments significantly.

5—Have you noticed how societies keep launching new accounts? So all the money you invested a few months ago in the best account at the time is no longer receiving the highest rate of interest? Super-savers don't fall for that one — you need to watch the rates like a hawk and don't commit your money for too long a period.

6—*For the self-employed or* those with any non pensionable earnings, a good buy — courtesy of the taxman — could be the personal computer you have always promised yourself.

As a "plant and machinery" item, it will qualify for 75 p.c. capital allowances, but only if you buy it before April 1. After that the rate of allowance reduces to 50 p.c.

7—Whatever the Chancellor decides to do about the tax reliefs on pensions, the one certainty is that they are not going to be extended. In spite of all the 'hype,' a pension contribution before the Budget will be a good buy.

8—The January sales have started early this year and the bargain hunters are already out in force. But how do you know whether you are getting the best price at any other time of the year? What you do is you ring *Comp-U-card* (0735 68191), which is basically a computerised shopping service by telephone. I've tried it and friends have tried it, and it seems to work.

The service costs £20 a year, but you could more than make that up in the discounts received during the year, and there is currently a special three month free introductory period.

9—In the unit trust sector, the Target Professional Fund must represent a bargain buy for those who can invest a minimum of £1,500. The initial charge is a modest 2¼ pc but the Target group as a whole offers 4 pc switching discount. Schh . . . don't tell anyone else.

10—Finally, make sure you check your £1 notes. Have you got the last one?

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UNIT TRUST PRICES

AUTHORISED TRUSTS

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

1984 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
128-0	97-5	Abbey American Tst	116-6	126-2
73-2	57-8	AbbAssets&NarnTst	68-4	*73-2
83-4	67-9	Abb. Comml. & Ener.	74-6	79-8
108-8	95-6	Abbey General Tst..	101-5	108-7
125-6	114-3	Abbey Gilt & F. Int.	111-8	*118-3
73-2	58-8	Abbey H. Inc.Eq.T.	68-1	73-2
182-6	127-2	Abbey Japan Trust..	165-9	175-3
68-2	57-2	Abbey UK Gwth. T.	64-1	68-9
169-1	147-4	Abb. Worldwide BT.	159-0	*169-1
160-7	128-8	Equitas Prog. Tst...	148-1	158-4

AITKEN HUME FUNDS MANAGEMENT LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
57-7	49-5	American Majors Fd	53-7	*57-5
158-1	110-3	American Tech. Fd.	122-8	132-0
52-0	35-3	Energy Fund	37-6	40-4
444-2	390-5	Exempt	417-1	444-2
75-7	52-5	Japan Tech. Fund ..	66-8	71-4
168-0	123-2	Pacific Fund.........	131-7	140-5
146-2	117-7	Secure Income Fund	138-0	148-2
30-8	25-3	Small Companies Fd	28-2	30-1
182-4	146-4	Special Sits. Fund..	158-4	*169-4

ALLIED UNIT TRUST LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
420-1	333-0	Allied Accum. Trust	393-0	416-6
29-9	25-0	Allied Amer. Inc. Tst	28-0	29-7
60-2	43-2	Allied Am Spec. Sits	53-3	56-6
180-2	127-7	Allied Ass. Val. Tst.	150-0	*158-0
281-1	226-9	Allied Balanced Tst.	262-9	*278-7
195-5	156-5	Allied Capital. Trust	182-8	193-8
100-2	78-8	Allied Eq. Inc. Trust	94-2	99-9
164-4	132-8	Allied First Trust....	154-6	165-8
33-6	30-0	Allied Gilt Gwth Tst	31-1	32-6
31-6	27-7	Allied Govt. Sec. Tst.	28-3	29-5
106-9	83-5	Allied Gwth & Inc.T	98-3	104-2
182-2	146-5	Allied High Inc. Tst	171-0	181-3
117-9	98-0	Allied High Yield T	111-1	*117-8
68-9	53-6	Allied Internat. Tst	64-1	67-9
71-7	51-4	Allied Japan Trust..	66-6	*70-6
110-4	85-3	Allied Met Mins&Com	88-5	93-1
151-6	119-9	Allied O'seasEarn.T	142-7	*151-3
130-9	99-9	Allied Pacific Trust.	121-9	*129-2
54-9	44-1	Allied Recovery Tst	51-7	54-8
98-1	84-6	Allied Smaller Co'sT	89-7	96-8
131-9	103-5	Allied Sec.Sit.Co'sT	120-3	129-9
180-1	135-9	Allied Sec of AmerT	167-8	*177-5
94-6	74-8	Allied Technology T	85-8	90.9

ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
53-1	41-8	Capital Fund........	49-7	*53-1
57-3	44-1	Capital Acc.........	53-6	*57-3
108-1	84-3	Commodity Fund...	80-0	85-5
176-6	139-2	Commodity Acc.....	132-9	142-1
65-4	46-5	Commodity 10% Wdl	44-1	47-1
105-8	78-1	East'n & Intnl. Acc.	98-8	105-6
61-0	45-9	East.& Intnl 6% Wdl	57-0	60-9
44-7	34-6	Finance & Property	41-8	44-7
71-3	54-7	Foreign Growth Fd.	63-3	67-5
49-2	43-5	Gilt & Fixed Int. Fd	44-4	46-7
57-1	47-8	High Income........	53-4	57-1
131-9	100-7	High Income Acc....	116-8	124-9
72-6	55-1	High Inc. 8½% Wdl.	67-9	72-6
60-5	54-3	High Yield	56-6	*60-5
145-2	122-1	High Yield Acc	135-9	*145-3
78-8	60-9	North Amer.& Intnl	69-5	74-3
26-7	24-5	Preference..........	24-8	26-5
75-2	67-3	Preference Accum..	65-9	74-7
89-7	72-8	Smaller Co's Fund..	81-9	87-5
11-8	8-5	World Penny Share.	8-9	9-5

ARCHWAY UNIT TST. MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
217-4	171-5	Archway Fund......	202-2	*215-1

ATLANTA UNIT TRUST MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
59-3	45-6	Japan & Far East...	50-8	54-1

BARCLAYS UNICORN

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
78-1	56-7	Unicorn Amer'n Tst	71-8	*76-3
135-5	101-1	Unicorn Aust. Inc...	108-0	*114-8
163-5	136-3	Unicorn Aust. Acc..	148-5	157-9
168-9	136-5	Unicorn Capital.....	158-8	168-9
310-7	243-8	Unicorn Exempt.....	292-1	310-7
54-5	46-2	Unicorn Extra Inc...	51-3	54-5
181-9	139-4	Unicorn Financial..	171-0	*181-9
190-5	156-1	Unicorn 500.........	179-1	190-5
102-8	79-4	Unicorn General....	96-7	102-8
53-3	50-1	Unic. Gilt & FixedIn	51-4	*53-8
106-5	78-0	Unic. Great Pac. Inc	98-7	105-0
107-4	78-3	Unic. Great Pac. Acc	99-6	105-5
132-0	105-8	Unicorn Growth Acc	124-1	132-9
236-7	183-7	Unicorn Income.....	222-5	236-7
102-2	82-0	Unicorn Prof. Assocs	96-1	102-2
137-9	114-1	Unicorn Recovery ..	129-7	137-9
58-5	43-8	Unic. Technol. Inc..	50-8	54-0
85-0	56-4	Unicorn Trustee.....	78-1	*85-0
113-2	87-5	Unicorn World Wide	105-3	112-0
163-2	128-4	B.T. Inv. Fd. Inc....	153-5	163-2
241-6	186-4	B.T. Inv. Fd. Acc...	227-2	241-6

BARING BROS. & CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
488-5	402-2	Stratton Trust	460-0	488-5
718-0	583-0	Stratton Tst. Accum	689-3	718-0

BRIDGE FUND MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
67-1	50-0	B. American & Gen..	59-6	67-1
110-9	86-4	B. Cap. Inc	97-4	104-8
141-2	109-4	B. Cap. Acc.	124-0	133-4
249-0	200-0	B. Exempt	226-0	249-0
104-5	84-0	B. Income	95-6	104-5
45-2	34-3	B. Intnl. Recov. Inc.	33-3	38-7
59-1	44-8	B. Intnl. Recov. Acc	43-6	50-7

BRITANNIA GROUP OF UNIT TRUSTS LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
85-0	65-2	American Growth...	78-6	83-8
53-5	50-0	American Inc.........	49-9	53-2
25-7	19-6	Amer. Smaller Co's.	21-1	22-5
78-4	61-7	Amer. Special Sits..	67-9	*72-4
89-4	61-5	Australian Grth. Tst	76-9	82-0
176-3	124-8	Commod. Share Tst.	135-6	*144-6
330-8	252-0	Exempt Trust........	312-4	327-1
64-2	51-2	ExemptMktLeaders	61-3	*64-2
53-2	45-4	Extra Income........	48-7	51-9
45-9	35-2	Far East..............	39-8	42-5
35-8	29-5	Financial Secs........	33-6	*35-8
55-3	49-0	Gilt Growth Trust...	50-7	51-5
28-9	25-0	Gilt Trust............	25-0	*26-3
34-3	22-0	Gold & General	20-8	*22-4
24-0	15-5	HongKong Perform.	21-8	23-3
153-4	122-8	Income & Growth...	138-6	148-1
30-9	20-0	Intnl. Growth	25-9	27-6
11-7	9-9	Intnl. Leisure........	10-5	*11-2
45-6	31-1	Japan Performance.	39-4	42-0
14-1	10-7	Japan Smaller Co's..	11-6	12-4
147-7	117-0	Nat. High Income ..	134-9	143-9
19-9	18-5	Preference Shares ..	17-3	*18-5
40-8	32-9	Property Share......	37-3	39-8
78-7	60-2	Recovery.............	72-4	77-2
109-8	91-0	Small Co's............	102-3	109-1
81-5	61-9	Spec. Situations Tst.	72-1	76-9
33-5	26-0	U.K Grth (Domestic)	30-5	*32-5
83-8	65-6	Universal Energy ...	62-7	66-9
54-2	40-7	World Tech Tst.	44-6	47-6

BROWN SHIPLEY & CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
49-9	42-5	Brown Shipley Fund	46-1	49-6
79-9	66-7	Accum...............	73-7	79-2
94-0	76-3	Financial	87-9	94-0
110-6	88-0	Growth	102-6	110-4
168-4	125-9	Growth Acc.	156-3	168-2
48-6	37-9	High Inc.............	45-1	48-4
53-5	44-0	Income Fund........	49-6	53-3
56-7	43-4	North American	48-3	*51-9
54-3	43-9	Orient Fund........	50-4	*54-2
28-4	22-7	Recovery............	24-8	*26-7
166-9	137-7	Technology Fund. ..	146-3	157-4

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
162-0	129-9	General Fund........	153-1	160-8
246-9	197-8	General Accum......	235-2	246-9
76-3	66-4	Income Fund........	71-1	75-1
124-4	106-1	Income Accum......	116-5	123-0
117-9	95-8	International Fund.	105-4	110-5
149-8	120-3	International Accum	136-4	143-8

CANADA LIFE UNIT TRUST MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
90-2	72-3	Canlife Gen. Dist...	85-6	90-2
135-2	108-4	Canlife Gen. Accum.	129-4	135-2
37-0	32-1	Can.Gilt & FixInDist	34-3	36-1
61-0	52-3	Canlife Income Dist	57-9	61-0

CANNON FUND MANAGERS LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
249-0	198-6	Income................	235-0	247-9
138-1	106-7	Far East	125-7	133-7

CATER ALLEN UNIT TRUST MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
112-2	103-0	Cater Allen Gilt Tst.	101-7	108-0

CHIEFTAIN TRUST MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
55-5	39-8	American Trust.....	43-1	46-7
27-4	21-0	Australian Trust....	20-8	22-3
54-2	38-8	Basic Resources	36-3	38-9
70-7	53-7	Far Eastern Trust ..	63-4	67-7
37-3	29-5	Global Recovery Tst	32-5	34-8
47-6	38-3	High Income.........	38-8	*41-7
40-1	32-1	Income & Grth. Tst.	37-2	39-9
66-7	53-2	International Trust.	57-2	61-4
21-6	20-5	Pref & Gilt..........	18-8	20-2
38-4	30-1	Smaller Co's.........	31-6	33-8
35-6	27-2	Special Income Sits.	30-7	32-9

CONFEDERATION FUND MNGMT.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
162-7	125-6	Growth	154-6	162-7

COUNTY BANK UNIT SERVICES LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
225-4	179-2	Capital Trust.........	211-9	225-4
64-0	49-4	Energy	46-5	49-4
125-6	104-7	Extra Income	116-9	124-3
93-2	74-6	Financial Trust......	87-6	93-1
52-4	49-5	GiltStrategy...........	50-7	*51-7
236-1	177-4	Growth Invest Trust	211-5	225-0
99-2	80-1	Income Trust........	92-5	98-4
83-3	62-3	Japanese&Pac.Grth.	75-6	80-4
100-5	72-2	NthAmer Growth Tst.	83-7	*89-0
143-4	119-7	Portfolio Inv. Fd....	135-2	*141-5
101-6	75-8	Recovery Trust......	89-4	95-1
140-7	111-5	Smaller Co's.	123-3	140-7

CRESCENT GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
78-3	60-7	Crescent American..	67-3	73-0
59-7	46-5	Crescent Capital Fd.	55-8	59-7
101-4	81-5	Crescent Gwth & Inc	94-4	101-0
97-2	67-9	Crescent High Dist..	77-3	82-7
171-5	134-8	Crescent Intnl	160-8	172-0
115-9	99-7	Crescent Tokyo Fd..	107-4	114-9

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD.

1984 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
107-8	87-9	Crown American Tst	100-0	106-9
168-8	131-7	CrownGrowthTrust	157-8	168-8
170-9	143-8	CrownHighInc.Tst..	159-8	170-9

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MNGMT.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
79-4	69-9	Discretionary Inc. ..	72-7	78-8
135-7	114-6	Discretionary Acc...	123-8	130-7

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
275-7	222-8	EquitablPelicanUts.	256-6	273-0

EQUITY AND LAW UNIT TRUST

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
101-7	78-0	Far East Acc........	94-8	100-8
187-8	152-8	General	176-6	187-8
88-9	78-4	Gilt FxdInTst AcUn	82-9	87-2
159-5	112-4	Higher Inc. Tst. Acc.	150-0	159-5
129-4	95-9	N. Amer. Tst. Ac.Un.	116-1	125-5
116-4	90-6	UKGrwthTst.AcUn.	109-5	116-4

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
67-0	47-8	F & CAmerican Fd..	59-2	63-4
94-2	76-6	F & C Capital Fund	86-8	92-9
68-0	51-0	F & C Income Fund	57-8	62-0
52-0	40-8	F&C Far Eastern Fd	48-1	51-5

FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
90-8	69-3	American............	83-0	88-4
61-4	42-2	Amer. Special Sits.	47-8	50-9
31-5	28-2	Gilt & FixedInterest	28-7	*29-8
66-2	49-4	Growth & Income..	62-5	*66-5
93-1	51-6	Japan Trust.........	82-4	87-7
81-3	64-0	Managed Intl. Trust	76-2	81-1
55-0	41-1	Max. Inc. Equity Tst	52-2	*56-6
94-9	71-8	Special Situations ..	89-1	94-8

FINLAY (JAMES) UNIT TST. MNGMNT.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
87-5	73-0	Fund of Inv. Trust..	81-0	87-1
128-2	104-6	Fund of Inv. Acc....	117-1	125-9
54-7	46-6	Income	50-9	54-7
69-6	58-4	International........	64-8	69-6
98-9	74-3	International Accum	82-7	88-9
19-9	15-4	World Energy Fund	16-2	17-4
27-1	22-4	World Energy Acc..	22-2	23-8

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MNGMT.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
196-2	158-4	American............	163-4	173-8
198-2	160-0	Amer. & Gen. Acc...	165-0	175-4
189-0	151-4	Amer. Turnaround..	164-6	175-0
199-4	154-8	Amer. Turnrnd. Acc.	168-2	178-8
183-0	107-4	Capital	135-8	144-4
168-4	122-6	Capital Accum......	158-4	168-4
78-8	66-2	Convertible & Gilt ..	73-0	*77-6
96-8	79-8	Convert. & Gilt Acc.	91-0	96-8
110-8	85-2	Extra Inc...........	104-2	110-8
84-2	67-0	Income	79-2	*84-2
145-4	125-6	Intnl. Growth........	133-0	141-4
166-4	137-4	Int. Growth Accum.	146-8	156-0
60-0	44-6	Japan & Gen. Inc ..	56-2	59-6
92-0	77-0	Recovery Trust.	86-2	91-6
96-8	80-0	Recovery Trust Acc.	90-8	96-4

FRIENDS' PROVIDENT UNIT MNGMT.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
160-6	128-5	Fd's Prov. Eqty Uts	151-8	*160-6
258-9	200-9	Fd's Prov. Eqty U Ld	244-7	258-9

G. & A. UNIT TRUST MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
99-3	79-5	G. & A. Units	94-9	90-0

G.T. UNIT MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
69-3	54-0	G.T. Capital Income	64-4	68-9
35-8	27-3	G.T. Capital Accum.	33-1	35-4
135-4	115-6	G.T. European	126-5	135-4
86-6	65-1	G.T. Far East & Gen	80-0	85-6
63-8	52-0	G.T. Income Fund..	59-6	63-8
108-0	84-0	G.T. Intnl. Fund....	96-7	103-5
155-3	112-6	G.T. Japan & Gen...	143-9	154-0
102-7	97-9	G.T. Liquid Reserve	101-0	102-6
141-9	110-5	G.T. Pens. Exempt	135-5	141-9
67-1	52-1	G.T.Tech&GrwthFd	65-1	69-7
54-9	42-4	G.T. U.S. Gen.......	44-4	47-5

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
86-2	66-5	American Trust.....	76-2	80-6
41-4	16-6	Australian Trust....	20-8	22-2
42-5	35-3	British Trust........	39-9	42-5
76-3	61-6	Commodity Share ..	65-0	69-2
36-6	29-5	Extra Income........	34-4	36-6
80-8	54-0	Far Eastern.........	74-5	79-5
27-9	24-8	Fixed Interest Trust	24-3	25-9
28-8	25-1	Gilt Trust	25-4	26-5
110-8	88-2	Global Strategy Tst.	103-0	109-6
25-0	16-5	Gold Share Trust ..	16-1	17-2
105-1	84-1	High Income Tst....	98-9	105-1
29-3	17-3	Hong Kong	26-3	28-0
48-1	35-5	Income Fund.........	45-1	48-0
77-6	58-5	Japan Trust..........	72-9	77-6
41-0	33-1	Oil & Energy Trust.	33-7	36-0
68-9	54-3	Special Situations...	64-2	68-3
46-8	38-2	U.KSmlrCo'sRecTst	43-9	46-8

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MNGMT.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
58-3	46-3	Gold & Minerals Fd.	47-7	48-9
56-4	44-3	Govett Am.Grth.Fd.	52-5	56-1
101-9	88-7	GovettEuro Growth	95-3	101-8
65-6	49-9	Govett Int. Growth.	59-3	*63-4
90-4	62-7	Govett Jap Grth. F.	83-6	89-4

GRIEVESON MNGMNT.—BARRINGTON FUNDS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
235-3	194-7	European............	225-7	*235-3
705-8	570-0	General..............	665-2	701-7
922-0	746-7	General Accum......	868-8	919-2
118-1	108-2	Gilt	109-3	*112-7
64-1	51-3	High Yield	59-8	*63-7
118-5	89-7	High Yield Accum..	110-6	[illegible]
139-6	99-9	Japan................	123-3	130-8
240-3	200-8	North America......	214-1	*224-5
270-7	226-1	North American Acc.	243-4	255-1
101-5	85-2	Pacific	93-0	97-6
112-9	92-6	Pacific Accum......	103-9	109-2
269-9	222-3	Smaller Co's	253-7	*268-9

GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE UNIT MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
122-6	111-3	GRE Gilt & Fixed...	113-7	118-2
155-2	113-1	GRE Gwth Eqty Tst	145-7	*155-0
120-8	92-9	GRE North America	113-8	120-5
142-7	108-8	GRE Pacific	133-8	142-4
154-9	118-1	GRE Property Share	144-4	153-7
162-5	125-8	GRE Small Co's.....	151-5	161-2
237-1	192-1	Guardhill	230-6	236-9

HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
120-5	91-5	American Recovery.	107-0	*115-1
69-6	58-5	Australian Tst	63-3	67-1
55-7	40-5	American Small Co's	45-0	48-4
120-8	97-0	Extra Income	112-0	*119-8
50-8	36-3	Cap. Growth Inc....	44-5	47-6
53-9	40-6	Cap. Growth Acc....	50-1	53-6
126-6	80-6	European............	118-4	125-3
91-2	78-6	Financial	83-4	*88-2
57-6	54-2	Fixed Interest	52-6	*55-7
50-6	43-8	Gilt Fund............	44-7	47-0
52-4	43-2	Global Health Care.	47-7	50-3
104-3	88-1	Global Technology..	91-4	*97-3
124-1	105-2	High Income	115-7	123-2
78-9	60-9	Income & Assets....	72-7	77-8
103-1	81-8	Inc. & Growth Inc..	96-6	*102-8
191-4	146-5	Inc. & Growth Acc..	177-8	189-1
117-5	95-0	International Trust.	108-7	116-3
100-2	76-5	Japan Special Sits ..	94-1	99-7
93-4	73-3	Japan Trust	87-9	92-6
134-9	99-3	North American	123-9	133-2
92-3	72-7	Oil & Nat. Resources	72-6	76-6
51-0	48-8	Pref. & Gilt	46-6	*49-8
81-4	64-1	Recovery	75-1	80-8
76-7	66-5	Small Co's Div......	67-6	72-3
100-1	79-2	Spec. Situations Inc	92-5	99-0
137-9	108-0	Spec. Situations Acc	127-5	136-4
268-4	229-6	Worldwide In.......	249-5	262-6

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST. MNGMT.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
411-4	316-6	British Trust	386-7	411-4
76-1	59-1	Capital Trust	71-5	76-1
164-3	137-6	Dollar Trust	154-8	163-9
60-8	49-1	European Trust......	57-1	60-8
96-8	70-8	Far East Trust	90-0	*95-8
256-9	198-2	Financial Trust......	241-4	256-9
129-80	125-80	General Exempt Tst	128-40	129-80
29-4	26-6	Gilt & Fixed Int.....	27-3	*28-4
40-2	35-4	Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	37-8	39-3
49-2	40-2	High Yield Trust....	46-1	49-1
59-0	46-6	Income Trust........	55-1	58-7
96-2	77-8	Intnl. Trust..........	90-5	96-3
34-4	24-1	Japanese Tech.......	29-4	31-3
41-9	30-0	Natural Resources T	31-3	33-4
138-5	99-5	Security Trust.......	124-5	132-5
51-3	37-5	Smaller Comp Trust.	48-2	51-3
79-3	64-6	Special Sits. Tst......	73-2	77-5

KEY FUND MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
165-5	116-5	Key Equity & Gen...	155-9	165-5
62-6	57-7	Key Fixed Int. Fd...	57-4	61-4
148-8	125-7	Key Income Fund...	138-3	148-8

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
157-6	126-9	K.B. Fd. of Inv. Tsts	142-8	157-1
94-7	77-6	K.B. High Yield.....	89-5	*93-8
215-6	172-6	K.B. U.K. Eq Grth In	197-3	215-1
68-3	55-0	K.B. Int Rec Fd Inc.	64-1	*68-3
119-7	101-2	K.B. Smaller Co's..	108-7	115-2
59-8	41-7	K.B. Wld Tch Fd Inc	41-4	44-3

LAWSON FUND MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
10-6	7-5	Australian & Pacific.	7-8	8-4
24-3	21-9	High Yield............	20-9	22-6
17-5	13-4	Penny Share..........	13-5	15-3

LEGAL & GENERAL TST. MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
218-1	172-1	Equity Trust.........	205-9	218-1
328-6	255-6	Equity Accum........	307-2	328-6
72-6	63-0	Gilt...................	66-6	70-5
65-7	51-0	Intnl. Managed......	58-5	*62-3

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TST. MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
147-4	117-2	Balanced	137-6	147-1
252-8	198-0	Accum	235-9	252-2
63-5	49-0	Energy Internat'nal	49-8	53-2
65-3	51-8	Energy Intnl Acc....	53-2	56-8
116-6	92-2	Extra Income.........	109-1	116-6
196-7	151-7	Accum	184-0	196-7
195-5	155-0	Income...............	182-8	195-5
365-6	279-0	Accum	341-9	365-6
171-4	138-1	Intnl. Tech. Unit Tst	156-4	167-2
176-7	142-5	Int.Tech.Unit Tst Ac	162-2	173-4
97-6	73-8	Nth. Amer. & Gen...	87-6	93-6
102-9	77-8	Nth.Amer & Gen Acc	92-4	98-8
99-9	77-0	Pacific Basin Inc....	92-9	99-0
102-9	77-0	Pacific Basin Acc....	95-7	102-3
135-7	107-7	Small Co's & Recov.	126-1	135-7
146-8	117-1	Small Co's & Rec Acc	137-3	146-8
157-8	126-5	Worldwide Growth..	145-4	*155-5
217-3	174-5	Accum	201-5	215-5

MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT

1984 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
281-4	201-8	MLA Units............	245-5	*260-2
38-4	30-0	MLA International..	35-5	36-8

MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LIMITED

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
97-9	82-4	Gilt & Fix. Interest.	91-3	95-2
58-4	33-8	Growth	55-0	58-4
88-3	70-6	Int. Growth Unit Ts.	82-1	87-3

MARLBOROUGH COURT FUND MANAGERS LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
116-5	94-5	Equity Inc	109-0	116-5
134-5	101-0	International........	114-5	122-0

McANALLY FUND MNGMENT LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
45-7	36-4	Delphi Income Trust	40-9	*43-6
74-8	60-3	Delphi Income Acc..	71-7	76-3
128-3	108-5	Glen Fund Inc.......	120-1	128-7
203-8	165-3	Glen Fund Acc.......	195-3	207-8

MENCAP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
100-4	80-8	Mencap	94-4	*100-4

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
78-0	57-3	American Growth..	69-9	74-3
165-6	131-6	Mercury Gen. Dist...	155-7	165-6
280-9	205-9	Mercury Gen. Acc...	265-5	280-9
83-9	73-3	Mercury Gilt Fd.....	79-1	*79-8
185-2	144-6	Mercury Intnl. Dist.	172-3	*183-2
224-8	175-5	Mercury Intnl. Acc..	210-7	*224-1
93-1	68-6	Merc. Jap. Fnd. Dis..	86-6	92-1
126-1	100-5	Mercury Recovery..	118-5	126-1

MIDLAND BANK GP. UNIT TST. MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
65-8	47-9	Capital	61-7	65-8
65-8	54-8	Capital Accum......	60-5	65-8
147-2	114-4	Commod. & General	119-3	127-1
198-3	155-9	Commod. & Gen Acc	161-6	177-1
61-7	47-7	Gilt& Fixed Interest	50-5	*52-7
79-8	68-7	Gilt& Fixed Int.Acc.	73-7	78-9
115-3	96-5	High Yield	108-4	115-5
182-6	145-4	High Yield Accum..	171-3	182-6
127-0	103-9	Income	119-2	127-0
196-7	150-8	Income Accum......	184-6	196-7
170-1	126-6	Japan & Pacific	157-2	167-6
177-5	131-7	Japan & Pacific Acc.	164-0	174-9
95-4	76-5	North American.	85-6	*91-2
108-6	89-9	North American Acc	100-5	107-1
85-4	67-4	Overseas Growth	75-9	*80-9
100-6	79-6	OverseasGrowthAcc	90-1	96-0
86-1	65-2	Smaller Co's Trust..	69-3	73-9
87-7	66-8	Smaller Co's Tst Acc	71-1	75-6

MINSTER FUND MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
94-8	91-3	Minster Fund........	91-7	94-7

MONTAGU UNIT TRUST MNGRS LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
50-3	40-2	Gold & Prec. Metals	40-1	42-7
50-3	40-2	Gold & Prec. MetsAc	43-5	46-1
60-0	43-8	Japan Performance.	56-7	*59-4
60-1	41-3	Japan Perform. Acc	56-8	60-5
55-5	44-2	U.K. Market Features	46-3	49-3
55-5	44-2	U.K. Mark. Feats. Ac	46-4	49-4
61-6	46-7	U.S. Special Feats..	55-2	58-3
61-6	47-3	U.S. Spec. Feats. Ac	55-4	59-0
52-8	50-0	U.S. Special Income	49-5	52-8
52-8	50-0	U.S. Spec. Inc. Acc..	49-5	52-8

M. & G. GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
185-8	128-6	American & Gen. Fd.	172-8	183-2
207-6	145-8	American & Gen Acc	195-3	207-6
212-3	162-4	American Recovery	198-1	[illegible]
226-6	172-5	Amer. Recov. Acc..	[illegible]	[illegible]
49-3	38-6	Amer. Smaller Co's.	42-9	[illegible]
105-7	77-1	Australasian & Gen.	[illegible]	[illegible]
115-4	83-0	Aust. & Gen. Accum.	[illegible]	[illegible]
275-4	225-0	Charifund...........	[illegible]	[illegible]
650-4	490-0	Charifund Accum...	[illegible]	[illegible]
205-5	173-0	Commodity & Gen..	[illegible]	[illegible]
258-8	215-7	C'mod & Gen. Acc..	[illegible]	[illegible]
316-1	262-1	Compound Growth	298-3	[illegible]
257-9	209-0	Conversion Growth.	243-3	[illegible]
146-7	120-6	Conversion Income.	141-2	149-7
285-7	220-9	Dividend Fund......	[illegible]	[illegible]
793-6	596-2	Accum...............	745-3	[illegible]
104-5	67-9	European & Gen. Fd	98-5	*104-4
123-3	[illegible]	Accum...............	116-3	[illegible]
161-7	130-5	Extra Yield..........	151-8	[illegible]
326-3	259-8	Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]
159-6	127-5	Far Eastern & Gen..	145-6	[illegible]
188-6	151-9	Accum...............	[illegible]	[illegible]
186-3	151-6	Fund of Inv. Trust..	[illegible]	[illegible]
282-7	227-6	Accum...............	[illegible]	[illegible]
642-7	[illegible]	General Trust.	[illegible]	[illegible]
882-8	712-6	Accum...............	[illegible]	[illegible]
61-1	[illegible]	Gilt Fund............	[illegible]	[illegible]
82-2	73-1	Gilt Fund Acc........	[illegible]	[illegible]
63-3	41-1	Gold & General Fund	41-8	44-3
218-9	176-5	High Income........	[illegible]	[illegible]
565-6	426-9	High Income Accum	521-9	[illegible]
673-2	545-9	Internat. Growth ...	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Internat'l Growth Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]
514-7	361-4	Japan & General ...	[illegible]	[illegible]
521-0	365-6	Japan & General Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]
370-9	268-6	Midland & General..	[illegible]	[illegible]
578-9	[illegible]	Accum................	[illegible]	[illegible]
33-0	[illegible]	N.A.A.C.I.F.	—	[illegible]
35-8	25-5	Accum................	—	[illegible]
329-9	274-9	Pens'on Exempt....	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Recovery Fund......	[illegible]	[illegible]
282-3	231-7	Accum................	[illegible]	[illegible]
530-9	428-9	Second General	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	800-4	Accum................	[illegible]	[illegible]
567-6	450-3	Smaller Co's Fd.....	[illegible]	[illegible]
715-5	[illegible]	Smaller Co's Accum.	[illegible]	[illegible]
321-8	274-2	Trustee Fund........	[illegible]	[illegible]

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TST.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
104-2	83-1	Murray American...	95-5	[illegible]
105-5	87-5	Murray European...	97-2	104-5
159-9	111-1	Murray SmallerCo's	138-2	[illegible]

NATIONAL PROVIDENT INV.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
152-8	117-8	N.P.I. Growth Dist.	[illegible]	*152-8
256-7	179-7	N.P.I Growth Acc..	[illegible]	[illegible]

N.E.L. TST. MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
58-1	50-7	Nelstar H. Income..	55-4	58-3

NORWICH UNION INS. GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
970-4	798-7	Norwich U Gp Tst Fd	921-9	970-4

OPPENHEIMER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
45-5	34-1	Practical Inc. Units.	40-7	45-5
76-4	58-9	Practical Acc. Units	71-4	76-4
28-5	22-2	American Growth Tst	24-1	[illegible]
40-7	28-6	Income & Growth ..	37-6	40-2
82-3	71-4	International........	[illegible]	[illegible]
38-2	26-5	Japan Growth Fd ...	35-6	38-6
52-9	42-0	Special Situations...	47-9	51-0

PEARL TRUST MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
92-9	73-4	Pearl Unit Trust....	87-3	*92-9
158-2	118-5	Pearl Unit Accum ..	145-2	155-2
65-9	53-8	Pearl Growth Fund.	61-9	65-9
95-7	77-5	Pearl Growth Acc...	89-9	95-7
84-1	64-6	Pearl Income Fund.	79-0	84-1

PERPETUAL UNIT TST. MNGMNT.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
57-7	45-8	American Growth F.	52-0	56-8
173-7	137-9	Growth...............	150-2	[illegible]
130-9	99-2	Income	121-1	129-7
55-3	50-0	Int. Em'gCos........	51-2	55-0

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUSTS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
57-0	50-0	Prolific Extra Inc...	53-6	*57-0
125-9	90-5	Prolific Far Eastern.	112-3	120-3
122-7	92-2	Prolific High Inc....	115-3	122-7
88-7	70-3	Prolific Intnl	82-5	88-4
115-7	91-5	Prolific Nth Amer...	107-6	115-2
139-1	102-4	Prolific Special Sits.	130-8	*139-1
137-8	107-3	Prolific Technology.	118-2	126-6

PRUDENTIAL PORTFOLIO MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
321-0	254-0	Prudential Units ..	305-5	319-5

QUILTER MANAGEMENT CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
324-9	267-5	Quadrant General Fd	313-5	324-9
181-9	152-8	Quadrant Income...	177-3	181-9
310-9	253-0	Quadrant Intnl Fd..	290-7	298-2
208-5	162-7	Quadrant Rec. Fd..	191-8	196-8
141-3	119-1	Wickmoor	123-2	127-2
219-0	175-7	Wickmoor Acc	211-3	219-0
126-9	106-4	Wickmoor Dividend	122-9	127-4
218-6	173-0	Wickmoor Div. Acc.	210-9	218-6

RELIANCE UNIT MANAGERS LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
132-6	107-6	British Life..........	125-6	130-7
84-1	64-3	Reliance Inc	77-9	83-2
107-4	82-6	Reliance Acc.........	99-6	106-3

RIDGEFIELD MANAGEMENT

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
115-9	89-5	Income Trust........	96-7	*102-9
244-8	184-8	International........	218-5	*232-5

ROTHSCHILD ASSET MNGMNT.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
302-5	221-2	N.C. America Inc...	231-3	245-4
320-9	235-0	N.C. America Acc...	245-7	258-6
305-5	243-9	N.C. Income Fund..	293-4	*303-8
135-4	98-5	N.C. Japan Fund....	124-5	131-6
115-8	95-3	N.C. Smaller Co's...	104-0	109-4

ROWAN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
193-0	160-5	American............	181-0	185-0
138-5	106-5	Far East..............	134-0	137-5
153-0	132-0	Fixed Interest Fund	148-0	149-0
129-5	112-5	High Interest Fund.	118-0	119-0
122-5	98-5	High Yield...........	119-5	*122-5
264-5	212-0	Merlin Fund..........	256-5	264-5
554-0	435-0	Securities Fund.....	519-0	554-0

ROYAL LIFE FUND MNGMNT. LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
47-5	37-1	Equity Trust	44-5	47-3
58-8	44-7	International Trust..	55-3	58-8

ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MNGRS. LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
54-4	48-9	Gilt Inc..............	50-0	*52-7
53-9	46-2	High Inc.............	50-4	*53-7
63-1	49-7	Income & Growth ..	58-3	62-1
71-1	52-9	Special Sits	65-9	71-2

SAVE & PROSPER SECURITIES

1984 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
61-1	46-3	Amer. Inc. & Growth	57-2	61-1
86-7	58-5	Capital	81-1	*86-7
56-4	46-6	Commodity Share ..	51-7	55-0
58-9	49-0	Energy Industries..	51-8	55-1
57-3	48-9	European Growth..	52-0	*55-3
46-2	33-0	Exploration Fund...	35-6	37-8
65-7	58-5	Financial Securities.	61-5	*65-7
56-5	52-1	Gilt & Fixed Int. Inc	51-9	54-7
72-4	66-7	Gilt & Fixed Int. Gth	71-4	72-1
130-8	102-5	High Return.........	121-0	130-6
112-8	90-2	High Yield	106.1	112-8
77-1	63-6	Income	72-5	77-1
69-3	56-4	Investment Trust...	64-3	68-7
59-1	42-9	Japan Growth........	54-4	57-8
87-7	62-5	Japan Smaller Co's	81-1	86-7
109-5	83-7	New Technology Fd.	100-1	106-4
94-7	75-6	Scotbits..............	88-6	94-7
126-5	105-3	Scotshares	111-6	*118-7
126-0	84-9	Scotyields............	99-7	106-0
68-8	49-7	Select Intnl..........	57-9	61-9
115-7	94-4	Smaller Co's Inc. Fd	106-9	113-7
98-5	70-8	S.E. Asia Growth....	87-4	92-9
78-0	58-7	Special Sits. Fund...	67-4	72-3
135-2	105-6	U.K. Equity..........	124-6	135-2
71-1	58-3	Universal Growth ..	65-4	69-5
64-6	48-8	U.S. Growth	56-3	59-8

SCHRODER UNIT TRUST MNGRS LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
111-7	91-1	American Income...	100-5	*107-2
112-4	91-8	American Acc........	101-6	108-3
81-6	56-1	Australian Income..	68-2	72-7
85-2	62-1	Australian Acc......	72-0	76-7
62-3	53-5	European	58-2	62-0
63-1	53-6	European Acc.	58-9	62-7
58-4	51-2	Gilt & Fixed Int. Inc	53-1	56-0
77-0	68-1	Gilt & Fixed Int. Acc	70-8	74-6
126-9	101-3	Income Inc..........	119-5	*126-9
267-4	204-3	Income Acc..........	250-9	267-4
86-9	71-2	International Fd....	82-5	*87-9
120-4	97-0	Internatnl. Fd. Acc.	113-0	120-4
65-0	50-3	Japan Smaller Co's..	61-0	65-0
89-4	73-1	Singapore&Malaysia Inc	75-7	*80-7
105-6	86-5	Smaller Co's Income	97-2	*103-6
87-5	70-4	Special Sits. Inc....	76-6	81-6
135-5	93-2	Tokyo Income.......	121-6	128-6
79-6	62-9	U.K. Equity.........	74-2	79-3
118-0	91-6	U.K. Equity Acc....	109-8	117-0

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FUND MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
126-0	102-3	Income	117-2	124-7
178-9	144-4	Accum.	167-5	178-2

SCOTTISH UNIT MANAGERS LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
34-2	26-9	Scottish Income Fd.	31-9	34-2
31-3	24-2	Scot. Nth Amer. Fd.	27-5	29-5
38-0	29-1	Scottish Pacific Fd	35-4	37-9
32-4	25-3	Scot. World Grth. Fd.	28-4	*30-4

STEWART UNIT TST MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
191-0	152-3	American Fund	166-5	177-6
163-2	108-8	Australia Fund......	116-1	123-6
352-3	306-6	British Capital Fund	349-7	372-0
165-9	143-4	European Fund......	154-1	164-2
213-3	153-0	Japan Fund..........	195-5	206-1

SUN ALLIANCE FUND MNGMNT.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
317-3	246-9	Equity Trust.........	295-1	317-1
54-1	52-0	Far East Unit Trust.	50-6	53-8
53-2	49-4	N. America Unit Tst.	49-4	52-5

M & TARGET FUND MNGRS LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
67-2	69-4	Small Co's Fund	68-8	73-2

TARGET TRUST MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	American Eagle......	68-3	*73-1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Australian Fund	30-3	32-3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Commodity Fund ...	94-9	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Energy	44-2	47-3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity Fund..........	92-2	[illegible]
582-2	456-3	Equity Exempt	541-8	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity Exempt Acc.	964-9	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Extra Income........	89-0	95-2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Financial Fund	183-5	[illegible]
226-6	[illegible]	Gilt Capital Fund....	205-8	215-5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gilt Income..........	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gold Fund............	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gold Fund Acc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Income Fund	55-4	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Japan Fund	49-2	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Malaysia&Singapore	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pacific Fund	66-2	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pacific Re-Invest....	[illegible]	[illegible]
15-6	14-5	Preference Fund....	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Professional Fund ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Target Spec. Sits ...	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Technology	62-9	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	U.S. Special Bond ..	46-8	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Worldwide Cap. Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]

TEMPLE BAR UNIT TRUST MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gilt Trust............	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	High Income Trust..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	North American	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Recovery Trust.....	94-1	[illegible]
68-4	[illegible]	St. Vincent Hi. Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	St. Vincent U.S. Gth Fd	[illegible]	[illegible]

TOUCHE REMNANT UNIT TRUST MAGMNT. LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	TR Amer. Growth Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	TR Inc. Monthly Fd	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	TR Overseas Grth Fd	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	TR Smaller Cos. Fd	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	TR Special Opps. Fd	[illegible]	[illegible]

TRANSATLANTIC & GEN. SECS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	S & W American ...	[illegible]	[illegible]

T.S.B. UNIT TRUST

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	T.S.B. American.....	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	T.S.B. Extra Inc.....	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	T.S.B. General Inc...	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	T.S.B. General Acc..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	T.S.B. Gilt & Fxd Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	124-2	T.S.B. Income	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	T.S.B. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	T.S.B. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	T.S.B. Pacific Inc ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	T.S.B. Select Op. Ac.	[illegible]	[illegible]

TYNDALL MANAGERS LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	Australian Sec. Fund	[illegible]	*73-4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Capital Fund.........	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Accum................	[illegible]	469-4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exempt Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Accum................	436-8	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Far Eastern..........	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fin. & Property	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fin. & Property Acc	54-6	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gilt Capital Trust...	110-3	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gilt Income.........	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	High Yield	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	High Yield Acc......	[illegible]	[illegible]
178-6	[illegible]	Income Fund........	161-0	*170-8
432-6	293-2	Accum...............	[illegible]	432-4
153-4	138-4	Intl. Earnings Fd...	125-2	133-4
[illegible]	145-6	Accum...............	175-8	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Internat. Grth. Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Japan Grth.Fd.Acc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
241-4	[illegible]	Natural Resources..	191-6	204-4
337-6	245-6	Accum...............	[illegible]	287-2
118-8	95-0	N. American Grh. ..	104-5	111-9
[illegible]	[illegible]	N. Amer. Gth Acc...	118-4	136-7
115-8	104-6	Preference Fund....	104-2	111-0
255-0	228-0	Pref. Accum	238-5	253-6
[illegible]	251-6	Scottish Income	289-4	306-4
142-5	120-1	Smaller Companies.	[illegible]	140-3
181-7	156-9	Smaller Comp. Acc..	170-5	181-6
83-7	68-9	Special Situations ..	75-5	*79-9

UNIT TRUST ACCOUNT & MNGMT.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
94-0	76-3	Friars House Fd....	88-3	94-0

WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MNGRS LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
68-3	52-5	American Tst........	63-1	67-9
44-8	35-2	Australia	38-9	41-9
70-0	53-9	Far East & Gen.....	65-7	69-9
60-2	44-6	Income Tst..........	54-8	59-0
74-2	54-1	Japan Grth.	69-0	74-2
61-6	42-4	Nat. Resources.....	48-0	51-1
106-3	82-8	Smaller Company's.	95-0	102-1
38-2	30-4	Technology..........	34-9	37-2
97-6	71-5	U.K. Trust...........	91-7	97-6

WIELER (ANTHONY) & CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
62-5	50-5	Wieler Growth Fund	58-1	62-5
84-7	68-8	Accum	78-8	84-7

INSURANCE, PROPERTY, BONDS, ETC.

ABBEY LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
85-7	68-8	Equity Series I	78-6	82-8
231-5	224-5	Property Series I...	214-7	226-0
88-6	71-2	Equity Accum Ser. 2	81-3	85-6
295-3	282-8	Property Acc. Ser. 2	278-4	293-1
215-6	188-5	Selective Acc. Ser. 2	201-7	212-4
218-9	173-5	American Series 4 ..	203-1	213-8
92-6	72-8	Equity Series 4......	87-0	91-6
172-5	152-8	Fixed Interest Ser. 4	180-2	188-7
218-6	173-2	High Income Ser. 4..	206-3	217-2
117-7	101-1	Indexed Inv. Ser. 4...	110-2	116-1
300-4	258-7	Managed Series 4....	283-9	298-9
184-0	174-7	Money Series 4......	174-8	184-0
230-7	228-5	Property Series 4....	218-9	230-5
554-8	452-2	Pensions Equity	523-2	550-8
175-3	155-9	Pensions Fixed Int..	163-5	172-2
119-5	104-6	Pens. Indexed Inv..	112-1	118-0
484-9	414-5	Pensions Managed..	458-3	482-5
365-8	346-9	Pensions Property..	346-5	364-8
286-8	271-8	Pensions Security..	271-8	286-8
230-8	185-4	Pensions Selective..	208-5	219-5

ALBANY LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

1984 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
557-3	445-3	Equity Fund Acc....	502-4	539-4
822-4	651-8	Equity Pen. Acc....	781-4	822-4
265-8	241-0	Fixed Int. Acc.	249-6	262-7
473-4	418-7	Fixed Int. Pen. Acc.	440-7	463-8
262-1	210-6	Intnl. Man. Accum..	247-3	260-5
338-0	216-1	Intnl. Man. Pen Acc	319-0	335-7
169-2	132-8	Japan Fund..........	159-3	167-7
186-7	135-9	Japan Fund Pen....	175-6	184-8
412-1	355-8	Mult. Inv. Acc.......	391-5	412-1
669-2	555-4	Mult. Inv. Pen. Acc.	635-8	669-2
138-1	113-6	North American Fd.	126-8	133-4
194-5	186-2	Property Fund Acc..	184-8	192-9
273-3	241-7	Prop. Pension Acc..	259-7	273-3

ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES (C.I.)

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
85-2	76-9	Government Secs T.	75-4	*79-4

BARCLAYS LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
152-1	118-1	America Accum.	143-8	151-4
160-4	122-5	Australia Accum....	138-1	145-4
281-3	245-0	Barclay Bond........	270-7	280-5
319-4	259-7	Equity Acc	301-4	319-4
189-7	168-6	Gilt-Edged Acc......	177-1	186-5
206-3	165-4	International Acc...	195-6	205-9
243-4	207-9	Managed Acc.........	231-2	243-4
164-4	135-6	Money Acc...........	155-1	164-4
211-5	197-2	Property Acc.........	200-9	211-5
167-3	121-0	Income Acc..........	156-9	167-3
156-2	128-6	Financial Acc........	148-4	156-2
152-8	124-6	"500" Acc...........	145-9	153-6
253-5	219-4	Gilt-Edged Pen. Acc	236-0	248-9
212-0	150-1	Greater Pacific Acc..	199-3	209-8
316-5	263-5	Managed Pen. Acc...	300-6	316-5
220-8	200-7	Money Pen. Acc.....	209-6	220-8

BARCLAYS UNICORN INTNL (I.O.M.)

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
96-6	74-9	Uni-Australian......	80-2	85-4
81-8	58-3	Uni-Aust. Mineral ..	59-5	65-3
226-3	174-5	Uni-Pacific	210-3	223-8
93-1	74-2	Uni-International...	86-9	92-5

BRITANNIC UNIT LINKED ASSURANCE LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
172-2	136-8	Britannic Man.Fund	165-5	172-2
112-0	107-1	Britannic Prop. Fd..	105-6	111-2

CANNON ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
647-20	539-22	Equity Unit	646-92	—
650-7	527-0	Equity Acc..........	646-6	—
414-8	358-3	Managed Acc.......	413-3	—
418-64	317-52	Property Unit.......	418-64	—
629-96	524-81	Bal.Bnd. Exec. Unit	626-91	627-74
632-04	526-95	Equity Bond Exec..	630-11	631-86
628-12	524-01	Prop. Bond Exec....	624-88	625-12
211-3	168-6	Sec. American Acc..	189-2	200-2
247-5	210-2	Sec. Equity Acc.....	232-1	246-2
124-3	100-0	Sec. Far East Acc...	116-5	[illegible]
165-3	148-6	Sec. Gilt Acc.........	155-1	[illegible]
211-2	167-0	Sec. High Inc. Acc...	158-6	210-2
157-3	152-2	Sec. Intnl. Mon.Acc..	157-8	167-0
200-5	178-3	Sec. Managed Acc...	188-9	199-9
197-1	182-0	Sec. Property Acc...	186-3	197-1
336-8	223-4	Sec. Am. Pens. Acc..	281-2	297-6
364-6	296-4	Sec. Eqty. Pens. Acc	342-2	362-1
127-4	101-0	Sec. Far E. Pens.Acc	119-4	126-3
230-5	177-4	Sec High Inc PensAc	216-5	229-1
216-2	185-6	Sec Int Mon Pens Ac	202-8	214-6
269-2	233-1	Sec. Man. Pens. Acc.	253-5	268-3
261-2	232-2	Sec. Prop. Pens.Acc.	246-6	261-2
85-0	78-0	L. & E.S.I.F.	84-0	89-0
59-5	53-0	L. & E.S.I.F. (2)	55-5	59-0

CHIEFTAIN ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
217-4	155-1	American	174-1	183-9
117-9	120-5	Basic Resources	108-2	113-3
234-9	180-1	Far Eastern	215-8	227-2
142-3	116-5	High Income	120-9	127-3
156-5	127-2	Income & Growth ..	147-3	155-0
159-0	128-5	International........	149-6	157-4
227-2	173-0	Managed Growth....	192-8	202-9
109-5	91-7	Managed Income....	96-7	101-6

CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
173-7	131-7	Equity Fund........	165-0	173-7
132-0	112-3	Gilt Fund	123-3	129-8
127-9	110-3	Nat. Resources Fd..	121-5	127-9

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COMMERCIAL UNION GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
125-3	110-8	Fixed Interest.......	117-1	123-3
158-7	130-6	Internat'nal Equity.	149-2	157-0
179-6	136-3	Managed.............	169-6	178-6
181-4	138-3	U.K. Equity	172-3	181-4

CONTINENTAL LIFE INSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
195-2	174-5	Life Man. Fund Acc.	185-4	195-2
222-5	174-9	Pen. Man. Fund Acc.	200-8	211-4

CORNHILL INSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
180-0	155-3	Equity Fund	170-5	179-5
145-2	135-0	Fixed Interest Fund	137-3	144-5
433-3	332-0	Managed Fund......	382-5	405-9
131-5	124-0	Money Fund	124-5	131-5

CRITERION ASSURANCE GROUP.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
123-3	106-6	Criterion Man. Fd...	107-5	113-2
35-4	29-8	Pens. Man. Cap.	33-6	35-4
38-5	32-7	Pens. Man. Acc.	33-5	35-5
—	—	Pens. Guar. Dep. Cap	—	—
29-7	27-4	Pens. Guar. Dep. Acc	28-2	29-7

CROWN LIFE ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
175-6	152-2	Fixed Fund Income..	166-9	175-6
274-0	224-7	Equity Fund Acc.....	260-3	274-0
201-5	172-6	Fixed Int. Fd. Acc.	187-5	197-3
245-5	196-8	Intnl. Fund Acc.....	233-3	245-5
300-7	253-8	Inv. Tst. Fd. Acc.....	283-8	298-7
250-7	211-3	Managed Fund Acc	238-2	250-7
161-1	150-0	Money Fund Acc	153-1	161-1
165-1	149-8	Property Fund Acc.	156-9	165-1

EAGLE STAR INS. MIDLAND ASS'CE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
131-4	106-4	Eagle Midland	127-7	132-4

EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASS'CE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
212-0	180-3	Fixed Interest Fund	198-1	208-5
163-7	153-3	Guid. Deposit Fund	159-6	163-7
275-7	242-4	Mixed Fund...........	264-8	276-7
241-7	225-7	Property Fund.......	229-7	241-7
342-5	278-6	U.K. Equities Fund	323-3	340-5

FRIENDS PROVIDENT LINKED LIFE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
114-9	107-2	Fixed Interest Acc..	106-8	112-5
126-2	106-2	Mixed Acc	118-9	125-2
126-2	113-4	Overseas Equity Acc	117-6	123-8
114-8	103-3	Property Acc.........	108-7	114-5
141-5	113-6	U.K. Equity Acc.....	134-7	141-5

G.T. MANAGEMENT (U.K.) LIMITED LONDON AGENTS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
88-07	87-57	Anchor Intnl........	87-96	87-97

G R E LINKED LIFE ASSURANCE LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
152-9	144-3	Deposit Acc.	145-3	152-9
403-1	315-8	Equity Acc	381-3	401-4
250-8	216-9	Fixed Interest Acc..	233-7	246-0
106-3	95-2	Index-LinkedGiltAc	99-9	105-2
322-3	255-2	International Acc....	291-6	306-9
267-9	219-7	Managed Initial......	254-5	267-9
325-5	249-3	Managed Acc.........	296-2	305-5
124-5	92-4	North Amer. Acc....	118-3	124-5
135-3	115-5	Pacific Acc..........	128-5	135-3
145-8	145-3	Property Acc.	140-8	148-9

GRESHAM UNIT ASSURANCE LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
335-9	269-6	Managed Fund	316-9	335-9
294-7	235-6	Equity Fund	279-7	294-7
123-3	117-3	Fixed Int. Fd.	124-8	131-4
173-5	164-6	Money Fund	164-7	173-3
194-5	185-6	Property Fd	184-6	194-6
272-2	224-8	Fram. American	245-4	258-6
257-5	215-1	Fram. Capital	272-9	287-6
265-3	222-7	Fram. Income	249-9	265-3
305-6	254-3	Fram. Int. Growth..	272-6	287-3
184-4	159-0	Fram. Recovery Tst.	175-0	184-4

HEARTS OF OAK BENEFIT SOCIETY

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
150-9	136-0	Managed Fund......	145-0	150-9

HAMBRO LIFE ASSURANCE

1984 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
298-9	229-0	H. Amer. Equity Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
136-8	125-0	H. American Man ..	148-3	[illegible]
119-8	107-0	H. American Prop ..	113-6	119-6
506-4	417-6	Hambro Equity	479-6	[illegible]
215-5	197-1	H. Fixed Int. Dep ..	197-9	[illegible]
240-3	217-6	H. Gilt Edge	255-5	[illegible]
275-5	239-9	H. Managed Cap ...	262-5	[illegible]
427-5	373-4	H. Managed Accum.	404-5	[illegible]
340-0	271-9	H. O'seasEarningsAcc	319-8	[illegible]
314-4	299-2	H. Property	298-6	314-4
127-9	84-2	H. Pen. Am. Eq. Acc	115-5	121-6
975-2	771-7	H. Pen. Equity Acc.	[illegible]	975-2
125-1	99-0	H. Pen Far East Acc	119-8	126-1
352-0	323-5	H. Pen. F. I. Acc ...	335-4	352-8
334-1	285-3	H. Pen G. Edged Acc	313-5	[illegible]
847-5	704-7	H. Pen. Man. Acc...	805-1	847-5
109-6	100-0	H. Pen. Morig. Acc..	104-1	109-6
632-2	568-1	H. Pen. Prop. Acc...	591-0	[illegible]

HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
236-1	185-1	Far East	228-2	[illegible]
225-3	185-7	Managed	213-1	224-4
252-9	197-2	North American	236-8	251-1
215-3	181-4	Special Situations ..	195-0	205-5

HILL SAMUEL LIFE ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	Managed Units	361-2	380-3
378-7	333-6	Man. Series A.	208-2	219-2
219-2	193-0	Man. Series C.	161-0	169-5
169-0	149-8	Money Units	196-7	203-4
203-9	192-7	Money Series A.	152-2	160-3
160-3	152-0	Equity Series A.	223-0	234-8
234-8	155-3	Fixed Int. Series A..	173-2	182-3
185-5	167-5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

HODGE LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
218-1	185-5	Hodge Bonds	203-4	216-3
186-4	170-1	Takeover Fund	176-1	185-4

IMPERIAL LIFE ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
200-2	167-6	Growth Fund........	184-2	200-2
204-8	175-3	Pension Managed Fd	188-4	204-8
314-6	243-3	Equity Fund	290-8	314-6
205-2	178-5	Fixed Int. Fd.	186-2	196-6
159-5	172-8	Managed Fund	189-5	159-5
163-5	145-2	Property Fund	155-3	163-5

IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
227-9	189-2	Global Fund	216-4	227-8
481-4	427-0	Managed Fund	457-3	481-4

LEGAL & GENERAL (UNIT ASS'CE)

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
128-2	125-2	Cash Initial.........	121-7	128-2
161-2	157-4	Cash Accum	153-1	161-2
348-8	274-4	Equity Initial	332-3	349-8
440-0	338-6	Equity Accum	418-3	440-2
236-0	209-7	Fixed Initial	217-8	229-3
285-5	260-3	Fixed Accum.	273-8	288-4
219-6	181-2	Intnl. Initial	202-6	213-3
266-9	221-4	Intnl. Acc.	250-8	264-2
275-1	239-1	Managed Initial	261-3	275-1
346-1	295-3	Managed Accum	330-7	346-1
151-7	144-7	Property Initial	144-1	151-7
190-9	176-6	Property Accum	181-3	190-9

LIBERTY LIFE ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
56-3	52-0	Global Growth Fund	53-4	56-1
50-6	45-6	Key Fund	47-0	49-4
27-5	24-4	Sel. Sec. 'A'	26-1	27-5
36-0	23-8	Select Security Fund	24-6	26-0
117-4	108-2	Spearhead Fund	111-2	116-8
22-6	19-3	Blue Chip Fund	21-2	22-4
20-6	18-8	Fixed Yield Fund ..	19-7	20-8
16-8	15-8	Guaranteed Mon. Fd	15-9	16-8
20-8	18-2	Managed Fund	19-6	20-7

LLOYD'S LIFE ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
210-6	197-9	Opt. 5 Dep. 'A' Fd ..	200-0	210-6
367-2	303-0	Opt. 5 Equity 'A' Fd	348-7	367-1
289-9	255-2	Opt. 5 H. Yld. 'A' Fd	276-6	289-9
353-3	311-2	Opt. 5 Man. 'A' Fd ..	335-5	353-2
276-1	251-1	Opt. 5 Prop. 'A' Fd..	262-2	276-0
114-5	100-2	High Inc. Tst. Fd. ..	108-7	114-5

LONDON & INDEMNITY & GENERAL INSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
75-0	67-3	Money Manager	73-5	75-3
64-0	56-5	Money Man.Flexible	60-7	64-0

LONDON LIFE LINKED ASSURANCE LIMITED

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
504-0	256-2	Equity	—	[illegible]
164-1	162-1	Fixed Interest	—	[illegible]
130-3	109-0	International........	—	[illegible]
230-6	199-6	Mixed	—	[illegible]
187-5	172-6	Property	—	[illegible]

EQUITABLE UNITS

Daily prices as at 28 December, 1984
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION LIMITED

57-63, Princess Street, Manchester M2 4EQ. 061-236 5685

Authorised Unit Trust Prices	Bid	Offer	Yld%
Far Eastern	47·7	50·8	0·77
Gilt & Fxd Int	47·1	50·1	9·78
High Income	48·5	51·4	6·50
North American	49·2	52·4	2·37
Pelican — see UT Information Service			
Special Situations	48·6	51·8	3·45
Tst of Invst Tsts	47·9	51·0	2·04

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
4, Coleman Street, London EC2R 5AP. 01-606 6611.

Insurance Fund Prices	Bid	Offer
Far Eastern	96·4	101·5
Fd of Invst Tsts	96·7	101·8
Gilt & Fxd Int	95·3	100·3
High Income	97·3	102·4
Managed	95·9	100·9
Money	95·2	100·2
Nth American	98·7	103·9
Pelican	96·9	102·0
Property	95·2	100·2
Special Situations	97·9	103·0
Pension Fund Prices		
Pens Far Eastern	96·4	101·5
Pens Fd of Investmnt Tsts	96·8	101·9
Pens Gilt & Fxd Int	95·3	100·3
Pens High Inc	97·7	102·8
Pens Managed	96·6	101·7
Pens Money	95·4	100·4
Pens Nth Amer	99·5	104·7
Pens Pelican	97·0	102·1
Pens Property	95·4	100·4
Pens Spec Sits	98·3	103·5

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Capitalisation £000s	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge on week	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E Actual	P/E Fully Taxed
4,797	Ass. Brit. Ind. Ord.	149	+1	6·6	4·5	7·8	9·5
—	Ass. Brit. Ind. CULS	148	—	10·0	6·8	—	—
3,068	Airsprung Group	55	—	6·4	12·0	5·8	7·1
1,050	Armitage & Rhodes	41	—	2·9	7·0	5·1	8·5
41,766	Bardon Hill	154	+1	3·4	2·3	15·5	22·5
2,585	Bray Technologies	47	—	3·5	7·4	5·5	7·3
2,050	CCL Ordinary	175	—	12·0	6·9	—	—
—	CCL 11 p.c. Conv. Pref.	114	—	15·7	13·8	—	—
6,388	Carborundum Ord.	798	—	5·7	0·7	—	—
—	Carborundum 7·5% Pref.	84	—	10·7	12·8	—	—
1,543	Cindico Group	85	—4	—	—	—	—
5,081	Deborah Services	65	—1	6·3	10·0	6·1	10·0
15,451	Frank Horsell	240	—	—	—	9·6	12·6
—	Frank Horsell Pr. Ord. 87	206	—	9·6	4·6	8·3	10·8
4,190	Frederick Parker	29	—	4·3	14·8	—	—
922	George Blair	50	—	—	—	5·4	6·7
1,218	Ind. Precision Castings	30	—	2·7	9·0	6·2	8·3
15,503	Isis Group	200	—	15·0	7·5	7·9	14·4
5,519	Jackson Group	106	—	4·9	4·6	4·9	9·5
38,827	James Burrough	280	—	13·7	4·9	9·9	9·8
3,209	James Burrough 9% Pref.	85	—	12·9	15·9	—	—
8,442	John Howard & Company	81	+1	5·0	6·1	8·3	11·7
5,048	Linguaphone Ord.	141	+1	—	—	—	—
—	Linguaphone 10·5% Pref.	96	+1	15·0	15·6	—	—
15,570	Minihouse Holding N.V.	572	—	3·8	0·7	41·2	45·0
326	Robert Jenkins	32	—	5·0	15·6	—	—
8,080	Scruttons 'A'	28	—	5·7	20·4	14·7	5·4
2,124	Torday & Carlisle	87	—	—	—	9·5	19·8
1,677	Trevian Holdings	370	—	4·3	1·1	21·4	21·0
4,160	Unilock Holdings	29½	—	1·3	4·9	12·9	18·5
11,898	Walter Alexander	93	—	7·5	8·0	7·0	11·2
5,275	W. S. Yeates	226	—	17·4	7·7	5·4	10·8

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SIMMS DRIVE FOR CAP FACES RUMANIAN TEST

By JOHN MASON

ANOTHER important instalment in the rugby education of Kevin Simms and Rob Andrew, two of the outstanding younger backs in England, will occur this weekend.

Today they meet the Rumanians, and tomorrow, bumps and bruises permitting, they attend England's squad training for the international against the tourists at Twickenham next Saturday.

Simms, the fortunate possessor of centre-three-quarter skills that have caused great players of other generations to applaud gratefully, is probably closer to a full England cap than Andrew, his Cambridge University colleague.

Today, given reasonable possession, both should have a major part in the Northern Division's efforts at Birkenhead to add to the defeats already incurred by the Rumanians on a seven-match European tour.

Andrew rejoins forces with Steve Smith, an old soldier these days, at half-back, while Simms, who won high praise in his first senior season from Mike Gibson, links with John Buckton, the Saracen from Yorkshire, in mid-field. Buckton deputises for the injured Bryan Barley.

Early promise

Barley's damaged ankle, which also prevents him from being considered for the international, has further heightened the interest in Simms, a Lancashire lad from West Park whose schoolboy exploits marked him out early on as a player of quality. Nor has he disappointed since.

Irrespective of any preliminary decisions England's selectors might make today, or at Stourbridge tomorrow, the international side will not be completed — or announced — until the South and South West have played the tourists on New Year's Day at Gloucester.

John Carleton, the resident right wing, would dearly enjoy a busy, effective afternoon today to retain a place he has occupied, mostly with distinction, for 26 internationals. Simon Smith, the challenger, has already stated his case.

Rory Underwood, the left wing, is as sure as anyone is permitted to be of reappearing against the Rumanians at Twickenham, as is Jim Syddall, the North lock and front jumper.

Steve Bainbridge, the other lock, can play his heart out against the Rumanian giants—but he will not be at Twickenham.

The R F U have reaffirmed this winter their wish that players sent off should not be eligible for national selection in that season.

The absence of Bainbridge, whatever the rights and wrongs of the principle, has added to the difficulties of England's selectors.

The team to meet Rumania, by and large, ought to be the team to play Ireland a fortnight later when the 1985 Five Nations Championship begins.

Present estimates indicate that the North will have four representatives with the South and South West taking five, perhaps six, places.

Encouraging victory

The Rumanians, today and on Tuesday, could rearrange those estimates drastically. Encouraging victory in the final match in France, where they had been beaten twice, has put the party in good heart. But they are troubled by injuries and do not usually play at this time of year.

Vasile Ion, capped as full-back and scrum-half, moves to outside-half against the North and has Theo Coman as his half-back partner because Mircea Paraschiv, the captain, is unfit.

Today's encounter intrigues Steve Smith, the North's captain, whose brisk cheerfulness is a tonic. "Well, it's Route One for them, isn't it? Route One and only Route One—straight down the middle of the field, all of them built like tanks and chasing hard!"

Andy Simpson, the North hooker and England squad member, has a stomach virus and has been replaced by Neil Hitchen, of Orrell, while the place at centre in the national squad following the withdrawal of Barley has gone to Simon Halliday, of Bath.

NORTH.—D. Boyd (West Hartlepool); J. Carleton (Orrell), J. Buckton (Saracens), K. Simms (Cambridge Univ), R. Underwood (Leicester); R. Andrew (Cambridge Univ), S. Smith (Sale) (capt.); P. Huckerman (Headingley), N. Hitchen (Orrell), E. Bell (West Hartlepool), J. Syddall (Waterloo), S. Bainbridge (Fylde), P. Moss (Orrell), P. Buckton (Liverpool), P. Simpson (Bath).

RUMANIANS. — G. Florea; M. Toader, M. Marghescu, A. Lungu, M. Aldea; V. Ion, T. Coman; I. Bucan, E. Grigore, C. Gheorghe, G. Dumitru (capt.), G. Caragea, F. Murariu, H. Dumitras, L. Constantin.

Referee: E. Allan (Scotland).

Steve Redfern, the England international prop forward whose decision to turn professional with Sheffield Eagles is a shock for Leicester.

Anglos provide pointer for Quins

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

LONDON SCOTTISH and the Harlequins, who meet today, have considerable interest in the outcome of the Anglo-Scotts match preceding their game at the Athletic Ground.

The two clubs, in uninspiring form by their traditional standards, each supply five players for the Anglos' game against Glasgow which begins at 12.45.

The Anglos have beaten the North and Midlands and lost to Edinburgh. "With a limited number of eligible players, having matches on four consecutive Saturdays is a heavy commitment," said Cameron Boyle, the Anglos' representative on the Scottish Union, yesterday.

"But we feel the Scottish Inter-District Championship bridges the gap between club and international rugby. We are especially eager to do well tomorrow and against the South of Scotland next Saturday."

Harlequins provide the Anglos' half-backs, Hugh McHardy and Richard Cramb, and the captain, Bill Cuthbertson, while the London Scottish contingent includes Jerry Macklin and Al Morrison in the back row.

David Cooke, the Harlequins' captain, reappears against Scottish after a month's absence following a knee operation. Cooke has another important date tomorrow at Stourbridge, where England's 32-strong squad will train in readiness for the match against Rumania at Twickenham next Saturday.

Gary Rees, another England flanker in heavy demand this season, may miss **Nottingham's** appealing match against **Wasps** at Beeston because of a sore knee. Wasps, approaching full strength, will threaten Nottingham's unbeaten home record stretching back to April.

Wasps' only away defeat this season was a fortnight ago at **Northampton**, a result which doubtless impresses **Bath**, who visit Franklin's Gardens today.

Northampton's seven home wins in succession have illuminated their disappointing season while **Coventry**, fortified by four victories in five games, welcome **Cardiff**, who are without Gareth Davies and Terry Holmes but still field seven internationals.

Gloucester prefer Richard Pascall, a former Bedford prop, to Phil Blakeway against **Bridgend** at Kingsholm and **Rosslyn Park** bring Steve Heaton and Peter Tayler into their pack against **Bedford**.

Park have arranged a precautionary inspection of their heavy pitch this morning.

Other matches bring together **Saracens** and **Richmond** at Southgate and **Blackheath** and **Sidcup**, an emerging club, at the Rectory Field. Blackheath, beaten three times in a row, need victory as a stimulus for three London Merit games in 12 days, beginning against Saracens at Southgate on Tuesday.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME OF RUGBY UNION GAMES

Kick off 2.15 unless stated

TOUR MATCH

Northern Div v Rumania (Birkenhead Pk, 2.30)

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

Anglo Scots v Glasgow (Richmond 12.45)
Sth of Scotland v North & Midlands (Mayfield, Dundee)

CLUB MATCHES

Aberavon v Abertillery (3)
Birmingham v Glamorgan Wdrs (2.30)
Coventry v Cardiff (3)
Ebbw Vale v Tredegar (3)
Fylde v Sale
Gala v Langholm
Glasgow Acads v Melrose
Gloucester v Bridgend (3)
Halifax v Headingley (2.30)
Harrogate v Wakefield
Hartlepool R v Gosforth
Heriot's FP v Watsonians
Huddersfield v Vale of Lune (2.30)
Kelso v Alnwick
Llanelli v Bristol (3)
L Scottish v Harlequins
Met Police v Esher
Neath v Maesteg (3)
Newport v Torquay (3)
Northampton v Bath (3)
Northern v Morley
Nottingham v Wasps (3)
Nuneaton v Manchester (2.30)
Otley v Liverpool (2.30)
Penarth v Sth Wales Police (3)
Pontypool v Newbridge (3)
Rosslyn Pk v Bedford (3)
Rugby v Roundhay (2.30)
Saracens v Richmond (2.30)
Selkirk v Hawick
Stewart's Mel FP v Boroughmuir
Waterloo v Moseley (2.30)
W of Scotland v Edinburgh Acads Dofzmho (cancelled)
Weston-s-Mare v Cross Keys (3)
Widnes v Orrell (2.30)
Wilmslow v Broughton Pk (2.30)

LONDON & S E

Blackheath v Sidcup. Basingstoke v Fullerians. Bletchley v L Buzzard. Chingford v Finchley. Crawley v Lewes. Dartfordians v New Ash Green. Havant v H Wycombe. Henley v O Gaytonians. Mill Hill v Cheshunt.

O Alleynians v Newbury. Oxford Marathon v Ealing. Ruislip v Staines. Salisbury v Eastleigh. Sudbury v Brentwood. Tabard v Harrow. Wanstead v Gravesend. Wasps Vandals v Streckwood Pk. Westcombe Pk v Beckenham. Wimborne v Marlow. Winchester v Camberley. Worthing v Guildford & Godalming.

BISLEY OFFICE EQUIPMENT SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE.—Havant v H Wycombe.

E.A.S.T NORFOLK LGE.—Holt v N Walsham.

EASTERN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE—Sudbury v Brentwood.

HERTS MERIT TABLE.—Becavians v Letchworth GC.

SEVEN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE.—Woodford v Askeans, Streatham-Croydon v Upper Clapton.

TRUMAN MERIT TABLE.—O Beccehamians v Reigatians, Croydonians v Surbitonians, OMT v Blues, Paulines v Dunstonians, Shootershillians v Colfeians, Surbitonians v KCS OB.

MIDLANDS

CARLING LAGER MERIT TABLE.—Stourbridge v Lichfield. Walsall v Derby.

HEART OF ENGLAND MERIT TABLE—Ampthill v Bedford Ath. Towcestrians v Stamford.

CLUB MATCHES. — Aylestonians v Newbold. Birmingham v Glamorgan Wdrs. Birmingham U v Ludlow. Dudley Kingswinford v Luctonians. Hinckley v Loughborough. Ilkeston v Nottinghamians. Keresley v L Buckby. Kettering v Oadby Wyggestonians. Kidderminster Carolians v Stoneygate. King's Norton v Stratford. Leicester Exts v Peterborough. Luton v Coventry Welsh.

Moseley U v Bedworth. Newark v Tamworth. Nuneaton OE v Barker's Butts. O Halesonians v Dixonians. Pavlova v Chesterfield. Shrewsbury v Oswestry. Stafford v Cheltenham. Wellingborough v Vipers. Wolverhampton v St Helens. Worcester v Stroud. Bromsgrove v Westleigh. Leamington v Newbold.

WEST

BRISTOL & DISTRICT CUP.— 2nd Rd: O Redcliffians v O Colstonians.

CLUB MATCHES.— Bath OE v Ashley Down OB. Berry Hill v Gloucester U. Cheltenham U v Chippenham. Drybrook v Newent. Gordon Lge v Keynsham. Hornets v Cinderford. Imperial v Midsomer Norton. Longlevens v Matson. O Bristolians v Yatton. Saltbridge FP v N Bristol.

SOUTH WEST

CORNWALL MERIT TABLE.— Camborne v St Austell. Newquay Hornets v Hayle. Penryn v Launceston. St Ives v Penzance-Newlyn. Truro v Falmouth.

Club Match.— Bideford v Devon & Cornwall Police.

WALES

Bargoed v Chepstow. Blaina v Newport Saracens. Cardiff Ath v Coventry Exs. Crumlin v Ynysddu. Kenfig Hill v Pyle. Llanharan v Barry. Llantwit Fardre v Rumney. Maesteg Celtic v Aberavon Quins. Monmouth v Cwmbran. Mountain Ash v Penygraig. Neath Ath v Bridgend Spts. Pontypool U v Brynmawr. Rhiwbina v Cardiff HSOB. Rhymney v Caldicot. Risca v Bedwas. Senghenydd v Caerphilly. Tylywain v Pencoed. Ystrad Rhondda v Merthyr.

RUGBY UNION TOMORROW

CLUB MATCH. — Middlesbrough v W. Hartlepool (2.15).

Rugby League

REDFERN SIGNS FOR EAGLES

STEVE REDFERN, the Leicester rugby union prop, yesterday signed for Sheffield Eagles rugby league club. He is the first England international to switch to the professional game since Bob Mordell joined Oldham in 1978.

Redfern, 26, joins a club who have lost their last six games in the first season in the league. He is being sponsored by Mike Bancroft, who runs a heating and construction company.

Redfern, who said his Leicester colleagues had wished him good luck, said: "I feel I have done all I can in Rugby union. I have played league a couple of times and as a forward you are more involved than in union."

He made his debut for Leicester in 1976 and played for the England Under-23 team, including tours of Canada, France and Italy. He has been a member of the senior England squad for four years and played as a replacement against Ireland at Twickenham this year.

Leicester officials were taken aback by Redfern's switch. "It has come as a complete surprise," said John Allen, the secretary.

Halifax start with one big advantage over **Hull K R** in today's televised John Player Special Trophy semi-final at Headingley.

Chris Anderson, their player-coach and former Australian Test winger, spent five weeks with Rovers before joining Halifax this month.

Eric Grothe, Australian international winger, arrived in England yesterday to join Leeds for the rest of the season.

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY.—Semi-final: Hull KR v Halifax (Headingley, 2.45).

TOMORROW. — Slalom Lager Ch'ship: Hull v Featherstone R. (3). Div. II: Dewsbury v Batley (3.30). Salford v Blackpool B. (3). Sheffield E. v Doncaster (2.30). Postponed: Fulham v Bridgend.

Bowls

Shock Masters defeat for Line and Wennington

By OUR BOWLS CORRESPONDENT

LOCAL bowlers Jack Harris and Kevin O'Riordan picked up where the women left off last week by continuing the destruction of invading superstars in the Teesside International Masters' Tournament at Thornaby.

Harris defeated Peter Line, a former gold medallist in both the World Championships and Commonwealth Games, 15-4.

O'Riordan shattered John Wennington, the England international and champion here two years ago, 15-3.

Line was particularly eager to avenge his 15-5 defeat by Harris in the play-off for fifth place at this event last winter, but he never looked in with a chance.

Why visitors take so long to adjust to the Teesside green is difficult to understand. It swings rather more than most, but is beautifully true—and seasoned internationals are not normally disturbed by such minor changes.

Peter Line . . . beaten by Jack Harris.

North-eastern bowlers are highly competitive. They always remain sharply honed by the packed programmes of the many clubs in the area, so matchplay offers no fears.

Harris looked an unruffled winner right from the start. Undeviating from a campaign of drawing to the jack, he consistently put two, three or even all four of his bowls on the mark.

Line is unquestionably a great player but takes time to adjust. A few loose shots early on forewarned he would not be able to match Harris in consistency.

Outstanding, single shots would be needed and Line eventually chose drives as his saviour. It was not to be, for on such days nothing ever seems to go right. Courageous to the finish, he drove repeatedly but even his last two shots unkindly, perhaps, predictably slid past their targets.

O'Riordan's win was no less spectacular. He was nearly a qualifier last winter but showed his competitiveness by finishing fourth out of 32. His confidence and consistency proved too much of a test for Wennington, who was groping from start to finish.

M. Jackman bt R. Robertson 15-4; H. Earl bt D. Daniel 15-13; C. Simpson bt H. Jones 15-8; T. Bousefield bt R. Walker 15-6; A. Jones bt D. Kilner 15-7; D. Dawson bt D. Smith 15-10; K. O'Riordan bt J. Wennington 15-3; D. Merryweather bt R. Laycock 15-12; J. Harris bt P. Line 15-4.

PRUDENTIAL NAT SINGLES.—4th rnd: F. Cook (Barking) 21, C. Hassell (Barking) 3—R. Tait (Barking) 18, G. McAdam (Tye Green) 21—K. Holmes (Essex County) 21, D. McCathie (Essex County) 14—A. Hinlan (Plymouth CS) 21, H. Roach (Bodmin) 16—R. Gibson (Elmbridge) 20, G. Nicholls (King George) 21—P. Pull (East Dorset) 21, R. Young (Atherley) 11—R. Kemp (Atherley) 21, N. Smith (E. Dorset) 6.

GATEWAY SUSSEX FOURS. — 2nd rnd: A. Clarke (Preston) 17, J. Crimps (Arun) 24—A. Scammell (Grattons) 24, E. Street (King Alfred) 17.

Ringing in the New?

Will 1985 ring in unsuspected changes to traditional sporting concepts?

In tomorrow's SUNDAY TELEGRAPH, DAVID PELLY reveals a radical yacht keel design on offer for the British America's Cup challenge.

ROWING: GEOFFREY PAGE risks the wrath of of the Henley Stewards and argues the case for a five-day Royal Regatta.

RUGBY UNION: JOHN REASON shows how English folly could allow Rumania the freedom of Twickenham.

GOLF: DONALD STEEL explains why a pleasant young man is determined to upset the Establishment.

FAMILY MONEY-GO-ROUND

LONDON LIFE MANAGED FUNDS LTD.

1984 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
229-5	171-5	Equity (P)	—	227-1
197-6	172-2	Fixed Interest (P)	—	195-6
123-4	105-8	Indexed Stock (P)	—	123-4
126-9	109-6	International (P)	—	135-3
168-2	159-6	Mixed (P)	—	167-5
138-4	128-2	Property (P)	—	138-4

LONDON & MANCHESTER GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	408-1	Capital Growth Fd	—	519-2
[illegible]	195-4	Flexible Fund	—	229-6
154-6	147-3	Guaranteed Dep. Fd.	—	154-3
[illegible]	311-8	Invest. Trust Fund	—	300-4
[illegible]	156-6	Money Maker Fund	—	195-6
[illegible]	128-1	Property Fund	—	130-7

MANUFACTURERS' LIFE INS. CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	100-5	Investment	122-9	129-1
[illegible]	160-9	Deposit	164-9	173-6
[illegible]	234-9	Equity	287-1	302-3
[illegible]	269-6	Gilt-Edged	285-8	300-8
[illegible]	206-8	International	237-8	250-3
[illegible]	251-1	Managed	274-8	289-4
[illegible]	197-1	Property	214-7	229-2

MERCHANT INVESTORS ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	190-5	Conv. Deposit Bond	—	201-0
[illegible]	108-6	Equity Bond	—	131-5
[illegible]	167-2	Managed Bond	—	212-9
[illegible]	255-1	Money Market Bond	—	252-7
[illegible]	277-5	Property Bond	—	292-0
[illegible]	106-2	Intnl. Equity	—	125-5
[illegible]	104-8	Intnl. Managed	—	119-4
[illegible]	108-6	North America	—	120-1

M. & G. GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	104-8	America Bond	160-2	168-3
[illegible]	179-7	American Recovery	205-0	215-5
[illegible]	101-9	Australasian	111-4	122-3
[illegible]	131-1	Commodity	139-9	147-0
200-7	190-3	Convert. Deposit Bd	191-6	200-7
174-7	149-4	Equity Bonus	166-3	174-7
391-3	324-2	Equity Accum	372-5	391-3
207-9	162-6	Extra Yield Bonds	197-1	207-0
520-9	414-9	Family Bnds (1982-88)	519-9	—
135-6	110-8	Far Eastern	128-8	135-5
231-4	184-9	Gilt Bond	196-1	206-0
166-3	151-6	High Yield Bond	160-1	169-1
275-1	224-1	International Bonds	260-0	273-1
141-2	96-7	Japan Bonds	134-2	141-0
329-4	287-5	Managed Bonds	313-8	329-6
115-1	93-2	Mirror Bonds	114-4	—
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REFUGE INVESTMENTS LTD.

1984 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
176-1	150-1	Managed	167-2	176-1
145-5	131-6	Property	136-5	143-5

RELIANCE MUTUAL INSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
173-3	141-9	Equity Fund	164-6	173-3
163-9	140-2	Managed Fd.	155-7	163-9

ROWAN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
375-4	342-5	Rowan Bond	340-4	367-5

ROYAL INSURANCE GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
414-3	348-8	Royal Shield	391-6	414-3

ROYAL LONDON MUTUAL INS. SOC. LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
200-9	170-5	R.L. Mixed Fund	190-7	200-9

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
305-0	265-9	Balanced Invest.	286-5	305-0
206-1	187-8	Deposit Fund	194-7	206-1
66-7	50-7	Equity Pension Fd.	63-0	66-7
250-5	224-5	Gilt Fund	234-4	248-1
95-8	79-6	Global Equity Fund	90-4	95-7
75-0	65-8	Global Pension	70-6	74-7
64-7	52-0	Managed Pension Fd	61-1	64-7
304-9	258-5	Property Fund	288-1	304-9
60-0	55-7	Property Pension Fd	55-5	58-6

SCHRODER LIFE GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
204-6	170-5	American (4)	185-6	195-4
194-3	180-7	Deposit (4)	184-6	194-3
589-2	500-8	Equity (4)	556-7	586-1
275-5	246-0	Fixed Int. (4)	256-8	270-2
151-6	145-8	Gilt & Fixed Int. (4)	140-9	148-4
202-7	169-0	Income Dist. (4)	191-6	201-7
250-4	209-0	Income Accum. (4)	246-2	259-2
198-5	168-6	International (4)	185-5	195-4
318-6	275-8	Managed (4)	279-6	313-4
199-7	171-2	Overseas (4)	188-6	198-6
298-3	262-0	Property (4)	283-3	298-3
254-4	211-1	Smaller Compan's (4)	240-7	253-4
231-0	178-0	Tokyo (4)	214-4	225-6
119-6	106-8	Deposit Pension (C)	115-5	119-6
346-4	282-2	Equity Pensions (C)	337-2	344-5
219-9	196-2	Fixed Int. Pen. (C)	208-4	219-4
122-2	109-4	Guaranteed Pen. (C)	116-0	122-2
105-7	93-5	Index-Link Gilt P (C)	100-5	105-7
776-4	660-5	Managed Pension (C)	734-5	772-0
265-2	241-9	Property Pension (C)	249-9	263-2
203-0	165-7	Spec Exempt Pen (C)	191-9	202-1

SCOTTISH AMICABLE INVESTMENTS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
127-7	120-6	Cash	121-3	127-7
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GARTMORE INVEST. MANAGEMENT

Name	Bid	Offer
Intal. Growth	274-7	292-5

GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE INS. CO. LTD.

Name	Bid	Offer
Gilt + 88	100-8	106-2
Portfolio Fd. Initial	247-1	—
Portfolio Fd. Acc.	314-5	—
Portfolio Investment 'A' Units	314-4	331-1

GUARDIAN R.E.

Name	Bid	Offer
Property Bonds	327-8	341-6
Property Initial	124-1	130-6

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SAVER'S CHOICE

NATWEST savers should be better off from next week, thanks to an increase in some interest rates and the bank's confirmation that composite rate income tax will be charged from January effectively, not from the start of the new tax year in April.

All British-based banks have to deduct tax on interest from April, instead of paying it gross, but they will do so at a special reduced rate of 25¼ p.c. That makes bank rates look even less attractive, but it is better than paying tax yourself at 30 p.c.

NatWest, however, is both raising rates to increase their attraction, and extending the benefit of the special rate by over three months. Piggy Bank and On Line account rates to children (who will be penalised by having to pay tax) are lifted from 6·25 p.c. to 8·25 p.c.—though from April that will be worth only 6·17 p.c. taxed.

Rates on monthly accounts used by the old, who could also be penalised go up from 9 p.c. to 9½ p.c. from Tuesday (again taxed from April) and three and six-month investment account rates rise ½ p.c. to 9¾ and 10 p.c., which with the six-month composite rate advantage is worth about 1½ p.c. extra gross.

1—Return based on the increase in the RPI for the year to November. The index value applicable to the repayment of index-linked certificates during December, 1984, is 358·8. A 3 p.c. bonus is payable if units are held until November 1985. The same rates apply to the now closed S A Y E scheme.

☐ THE table (right) shows two rates of interest for each savings scheme: the nominal rate which should be used in companies' advertisements, and the annual percentage rate (A P R) which is the effective return if interest is re-invested as received. The more frequently that interest is paid, the higher the A P R. For example, if the clearing bank deposit rate was 8 p.c. nominal the investor depositing £100 would actually have £4 credited to his account after six months, and £4·16 credited after the next six months. So after a year the £100 would have grown to £108·16, giving an A P R of 8·16 p.c.

BANKS

Deposit rates, nominal ..	Barclays	Lloyds	Midland	Natwest	Ryl Bk of Scot.	Bk of Scot.
	6½pc	6½pc	6pc	6½pc	6½pc	6½pc

	NOMINAL RATE p.c.	EFFECTIVE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE nil-tax p.c.	30pc tax p.c.	40pc tax p.c.	50pc tax p.c.	60pc tax p.c.	INVESTMENT LIMITS Minimum £	Maximum £
BARCLAYS								
Deposit account (v)	6·50	6·50	4·55	3·90	3·25	2·60	—	—
1-month term (v)	8·75	9·11	6·38	5·47	4·56	3·64	—	—
3-month term (f)	8·50	8·77	6·14	5·26	4·39	3·51	—	—
6-month term (f)	8·50	8·68	6·08	5·21	4·34	3·47	—	—
TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANK (v)								
Savings account	4·00	4·00	2·80	2·40	2·00	1·60	—	—
Deposit account	6·25	6·25	4·38	3·75	3·13	2·50	—	—
Term deposit	8·50	8·50	5·95	5·10	4·25	3·40	1,000	—
NATIONAL GIROBANK (v)	7·00	7·12	4·98	4·27	3·56	2·85	—	—
NATIONAL SAVINGS								
Investment account (v)	11·25	11·25	7·88	6·75	5·63	4·50	—	50,000
INDEX-LINKED CERTS (v) (1)	4·90	4·90	4·90	4·90	4·90	4·90	10	10,000
29th ISSUE SAVINGS (f)								
1-year	6·00	6·00	6·00	6·00	6·00	6·00	25	5,000
2-year	6·47	6·47	6·47	6·47	6·47	6·47		
3-year	6·95	6·95	6·95	6·95	6·95	6·95		
4-year	7·46	7·46	7·45	7·46	7·46	7·46		
5-year	8·00	8·00	8·00	8·00	8·00	8·00		
Common extension rate	8·28	8·28	8·28	8·28	8·28	8·28		
YEARLY PLAN (f)								
1-year	6·00	6·00	6·00	6·00	6·00	6·00	20 per month	100
2-year	6·64	6·64	6·64	6·64	6·64	6·64		
3-year	7·56	7·56	7·56	7·56	7·56	7·56		
4-year	7·68	7·68	7·68	7·68	7·68	7·68	—	—
5-year	9·06	9·06	9·06	9·06	9·06	9·06	—	—
DEPOSIT BONDS (v) from Jan. 2	12·00	12·00	8·40	7·20	6·00	4·80	250	50,000
INCOME BONDS (v) from Jan. 2	12·00	12·68	8·88	7·61	6·34	5·07	2,000	50,000
BUILDING SOCIETIES								
Ordinary account (v)	6·75	6·86	6·86	5·88	4·90	3·92	—	30,000
7-day (v) Halifax	8·00	8·16	8·16	6·99	5·83	4·66	500	30,000
28-day (v) Halifax	8·25	8·42	8·42	7·22	6·01	4·81	500	30,000
MONEY FUNDS								
Western Trust 1-month (f)	9·25	9·65	6·76	5·79	4·83	3·86	2,500	50,000
HFC Trust 3-month (f)	10·00	10·38	7·27	4·98	5·19	4·15	2,500	100,000
Lombard N Central 1-yr (f)	10·00	10·25	7·18	6·15	5·13	4·10	1,000	100,000
Investors in Industry 3-yr	10·25	10·51	7·36	6·31	5·26	4·20	1,000	50,000
HIGH INTEREST BANK ACCOUNTS								
Bank of Scotland (v)	9·25	9·65	6·76	5·79	4·83	3·86	2,500	—
Barclays Prime (v)	9·25	9·58	6·70	5·75	4·79	3·83	2,500	—
Co-op Cheque + Save (v)	10·00	10·38	7·27	6·23	5·19	4·15	1,000	—
Lombard N Central (v)	9·25	9·46	6·62	5·68	4·73	3·78	2,500	—
Midland (v)	9·30	9·62	6·73	5·77	4·81	3·85	2,000	100,000
Britannia (Cater)	9·00	9·38	6·57	5·63	4·69	3·75	2,500	—
M&G Kleinwort (v)	9·30	9·74	6·82	5·84	4·87	3·90	2,500	—
Save & Prosper (v)	9·00	9·40	6·58	5·64	4·70	3·76	1,000	—
Schroder Wagg (v)	8·85	9·21	6·45	5·53	4·61	3·68	2,500	—
Tyndall (v)	9·25	9·57	6·70	5·74	4·79	3·83	2,500	—
DEPOSIT FUNDS								
UDT 7-day (f)	8·75	9·05	6·34	5·43	4·53	3·62	5,000	250,000
Lombard N Cent 14-day (f)	9·75	9·99	6·99	5·99	5·00	4·00	2,500	—
INCOME BONDS								
2-year Chase de Vere	8·25	8·25	8·25	7·45	6·65	5·85	2,000	10,000
3-year New Direc. Fin	8·50	8·50	7·65	6·80	6·80	5·95		
4-year New Direc. Fin.	8·70	8·70	8·70	7·83	6·98	6·09	1,000	—
5-year New Direc. Fin.	9·00	9·00	9·00	8·10	7·20	6·30		
LOCAL AUTHORITY BONDS								
1-year Neath	10·00	10·25	7·18	6·15	5·13	4·10	500	—
2-year Kent	10·25	10·51	7·36	6·31	5·26	4·20	500	—
3-year Neath	10·50	10·78	7·55	6·47	5·39	4·31	500	—
4-year Bournemouth	10·75	11·04	7·73	6·62	5·52	4·42	500	—
GILTS								
Exchequer 13¼ 1987	12·70	13·96	9·77	8·28	6·98	5·58	—	—
Treasury 13¼ 1997	11·70	12·04	8·43	7·22	6·02	4·82	—	—
Treasury 7¾ 2012-15	9·70	9·94	6·96	5·96	4·97	3·98	—	—

LOCAL AUTHORITY BONDS (f) (01-920 0501 after 3.30 p.m.)

Return (f) Fixed; (v) Variable.

SHERWOOD MAY TRIUMPH IN WINTER CLASH

By HOTSPUR (Peter Scott)

OLIVER SHERWOOD, formerly assistant trainer to Fred Winter and that stable's chief amateur rider, has an intriguing clash with Winter when he saddles The Breener against Sutton Prince in the Challow Hurdle at Newbury today.

The Breener can win it for Sherwood, who is now one of Winter's neighbouring trainers in Upper Lambourn. He came from Ireland to join Sherwood's newly-formed stable this season, and was twice successful at Newbury last month.

The Breener showed impressive finishing speed in both races and may outpace Sutton Prince, whose three wins have been over longer distances.

Five other smart winners line up for the Challow Hurdle but I shall be disappointed if The Breener is defeated.

Ishkomann can continue the winning run of John Spearing's Warwickshire stable with success in the L'Oreal Handicap Hurdle.

Prideaux Boy came from Cornwall to win the Mecca Bookmakers Handicap Hurdle at Sandown Park four weeks ago. He would look a big threat to Ishkomann had that form worked out better.

Bramble improves

Green Bramble's jumping has improved and he will be hard to beat in the Weyhill Handicap 'Chase. Ace of Spies' close second to Out of the Gloom at Chepstow last Saturday recommends him for the Wickham Novices' Hurdle.

Frost cancelled the Newcastle and Warwick meetings yesterday but no official inspections are planned for today's three fixtures.

Brunton Park should win the Glentrool Handicap 'Chase at Ayr. He had a recent Catterick Bridge race at his mercy when falling at the last fence.

The injured Cybrandian may have to miss this season's Cheltenham Gold Cup but Peter Easterby's horses are generally in good form. Karenomore (12.30) and Johroke (2.20) look set to continue their winning sequences for him at Ayr.

Ra Nova, a disappointing fourth to Browne's Gazette in the Ladbroke Christmas Hurdle at Kempton Park on Boxing Day, will seek to redeem himself in the New Year's Day Hurdle at Windsor next Tuesday.

Mrs Nan Kennedy, Ra Nova's trainer, thinks that the combination of sticky ground and cold weather, which he does not like, may have caused this five-year-old to run so badly at Kempton.

Apart from being beaten more than 30 lengths by the Champion Hurdle hope Browne's Gazette, Ra Nova failed to confirm the form of winning races earlier this season against Desert Orchid and See You Then.

Ra Nova's Champion Hurdle odds lengthened from 9-1 to 20-1 as a result of his Kempton Park display which caused Mrs Kennedy to give him precautionary blood tests.

Mrs Mercy Rimell is still awaiting results of yesterday's blood tests taken on Gaye Brief, the Champion Hurdle second favourite.

If these are satisfactory, Gaye Brief will either oppose Ra Nova at Windsor on Tuesday, or tackle the following afternoon's Food Brokers, Ferrero Rocher Hurdle at Cheltenham.

Races on TV

1. 0 NEWBURY .... BBC
1.20 AYR .... ITV
1.30 NEWBURY .... BBC
1.50 AYR .... ITV
2. 0 NEWBURY .... BBC
2.20 AYR .... ITV
2.30 NEWBURY .... BBC

TODAY'S NEWBURY SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	COURSE CORR.	FORM
12.30—Drumadowney	——	12.30—Drumadowney
1. 0—THE BREENER (nap)	1. 0—Sutton Prince	1. 0—The Breener
1.30—Ishkomann	1.30—DALBURY (nap)	1.30—Prideaux Boy
2. 0—Romany Knightshade	——	2. 0—Romany Knightshade
2.30—Green Bramble	2.30—Glen Berg	2.30—Green Bramble
3. 0—Ace Of Spies	3. 0—Ace Of Spies	3. 0—ACE OF SPIES (nap)

HOTSPUR'S DOUBLE.—The Breener and Brunton Park (1.50, Ayr).
TONY STAFFORD.—Ishkomann (1.30).

HOTSPUR'S "TWELVE"

Brunton Park (1.50 Ayr) is the only horse listed in Hotspur's Twelve to Follow engaged today.

Yesterday's Racing

Joy Ride lands odds in 'Salmon Spray'

JOY RIDE landed the odds in yesterday's Fontwell Park race named after the Champion Hurdler Salmon Spray but Cheltenham's big March meeting is unlikely to be on his agenda.

"He may have a rest now," said Joy Ride's trainer, Jeff King. "I think his main objective this season will be a race at Liverpool because Cheltenham probably wouldn't suit him."

There was an ironic twist to King's success. He was attached to the stable of Salmon Spray's trainer, Bob Turnell, in his riding days but achieved his only placing in the Champion Hurdle when second on Fulke Walwyn's Sempervivum in 1966—to the John Haine-ridden Salmon Spray.

Joy Ride was 3-1 on yesterday but he had to be kept up to his work by Steve Smith-Eccles to hold John Francome's vigorous finish on Averon by half a length.

First for McGhin

"Joy Ride goes to win and then thinks he's done enough," said King, who bought the gelding for 19,000gns out of Bruce Hobbs' stable at Doncaster Sales in September.

Ray McGhin, who once quit Flat racing to become a postman, rode his first National Hunt winner when Young Buckers gained a length victory over Media Boy in the Brighton Novices' Hurdle (Div. I). "I started jumping this winter and love the game," said McGhin, who was having his first ride at Fontwell.

Robin Lawson, a 7lb claimer who has been with Peter Taylor the Churt trainer, for nine years, and owner Brian Taylor, also achieved their first successes when Valiant Dancer took the Hangover Novices' Selling Hurdle at Taunton.

Taylor, a property investor from Frensham, has spent nearly £500,000 on racing interests, but yesterday found himself out of pocket. The race carried a penalty value of £532 and he had to pay 2,000 guineas to retain Valiant Dancer at the auction.

New stable

Taylor has recently set up a new stable with 30 boxes and an all-weather gallop near Frensham, into which Peter Taylor (no relation) will move next week.

Rhyme 'N' Reason, who ended last season with five consecutive victories for Michael Dickinson, made a successful first appearance for his new trainer David Murray-Smith in the Northover Manor Hotel Ilchester Novices' 'Chase.

Backed from 11-2 to 2-1, he came home seven lengths clear in the hands of his regular jockey Graham Bradley, who overcame traffic problems on the journey from Yorkshire for his only ride of the day. Bradley turned round almost straight away in order to ride at Ayr today.

Yesterday's results and starting prices

FONTWELL PARK

Going: SOFT

1.0: TORTINGTON S H'CAP 'CH Penalty Value £851 2m 2½f
POMPOUS PRINCE b g Autre Prince—Pompous Beauty (M. Bryant) 11 10-13 P. Corrigan .. 15-8F 1
CITY MARATHON b g Cantab—Beth's Bermudas (R. Orgles) 6 10-3 Miss P. Fitch-Heyes .. 5-1 2
GRANGE HEIGHTS ch g Allangrange—Pu-ush (J. Parish) 9 11-5 G. Newman .. 11-2 3
Also: 100-30 Batula Prince (4th), 9 Tight Schedule (p.u.), 10 Poor Son, 20 Royal Riches (f). 7 ran. 2l, 10l, 1½l, 15l. (S. Woodman, Chichester). Tote: Win, £3·00; places, £1·30, £2·30; Dual F'cast, £5·10. SPSF: £10·96. The winner bought in 1,300 gns

1.30: SALMON SPRAY HDLE 4-Y-O £3,781 2½m
JOY RIDE b g Jolly Good — Hard to Follow (C. Cowley) 10-13 S. Smith Eccles .. 1-3F 1
AVERON b c Averof—Reluctant Maid (R. Cleland) 10-12 J. Francome ... 7-2 2
BOYNE SALMON b g Red Regent — Easy Can (T. Duke) 10-12 R. Rowell ... 10-1 3
3 ran. ½l, 4l. (J. King, Swindon). Tote: Win, £1·30; Dual F'cast, £1·10. SPSF: £1·72. N.R.: Little Ray.

2.0: WHITELAW CHALL CUP H'CAP 'CH £3,903 3m 2½f
MASTER NIBBLE, b g Master Owen—Chambolle (C. Holmes) 9 10-8 A. Webb .. 5-2F 1
RIB LAW, b g Ribero—Turkhan Law (A. Caton) 10 10-0 M. Kinane .. 5-1 2
THE SOMAC, gr g Scottish Rifle—Original Sin (M. Pinnegar) 7 11-4 R. Rowe ... 7-2 3
Also: 100-30 North West, 8 Bath Street Kid (f), 10 Buck Royale (4th). 6 ran. 1½l, 20l, 15l, bad. (C. Holmes, Gerrards Cross). Tote: Win, £2·70; places, £1·80, £2·30; Dual F'cast, £5·50. SPSF: £13·65. NR: Graigueamanagh.

2.30: BRIGHTON NOV HDLE (Div I) 3-Y-O £548 2½m
YOUNG BUCKERS, b c Full Out — Scuffling (D. Nabki), 10-9 R. McGhinn .. 12-1 1
MEDIA BOY, gr g Native Charger — Conciliacion (Mrs H. Popham), 10-9 R. Rowe .. 4-1 2
COUNTRY CAP, ch g Pollerton — Farm Hat (R. Townsend), 10-9 S. Shilston ... 33-1 3
Also: 4-6F Diamonds High (5th), 9 Stumpy (4th), 12 Shenyoup, 16 Il Saraceno (6th), 20 Burns Lad, 33 Fordances (p.u.), Summerhill Gold (ref), 50 Classic Owen (p.u.), Sam Pele (p.u.), Aulthanos, Canonbury Fleur, Kerry's Court. 15 ran. 1l, 20l, nk, 1l, dist. (M. Haynes, Epsom). Tote: Win, £10·10; places, £2·00, £1·60, £7·00; Dual F'cast, £11·30; SPSF, £60·72.

3.0: MADEHURST NOV H'CAP 'CH £1,590 2m 3½f
FIL DE FER, ch g Mon Fils — Bimonade (J. Peters), 8 10-10 A. Madgwick .. 3-1 1
RUNWICK PROSPECT, b g Milan — Proteios (B. Adgeley), 8 10-9 M. Kinane .. 10-1 2
TRICKY BUSINESS, b or br g Tycoon II—Gay Tricks (J. Bird), 6 10-12 G. Moore .. 9-2 3
Also: 7-4F Awning (f), 100-30 Cilerna Jet (f). 5 ran. 20l, 2½l. (M. Madgwick, Denmead). Tote: Win, £3·20; places, £1·10, £5·50; Dual F'cast, £17·80; SPSF, £23·78.

3.30: BRIGHTON NOV. HDLE (Div. II) 3-Y-O £548 2½m
DOUBLE SWING b g Swing Easy—Kiyofuji (T. Hayward) 11-0 R. Rowe .. 9-4 1
PETIT PAIN b c Ile de Bourbon—Shortbread (L. Salneri) 11-0 J. Francome 8-15F 2
SHINER'S PAL gr g Radetzky—Galletta (H. Chisman) 10-9 S. Waite 50-1 3
Also: 10 Atkins (4th), 33 Blackguard (p.u.), 100 Spartan Bazaar (5th). 6 ran. 5l, dist., 8l, bad. (Mrs N. Smith, Chichester). Tote: win, £3·30; places, £1·40, £1·10; Dual F'cast: £1·60. SPSF, £3·62. NR: Mezlara.
PLACEPOT: £49·25.

TAUNTON

Going: SOFT

12.45 (2m 1f hdle): Major Mark (A. Sharpe, 50-1), 1; Relkisha (A. Carroll, 6-1), 2; Tuchador (Peter Hobbs, 20-1), 3. Also: 4-5F The Mooch, 8 Air Strike, My Aisling, 10 Laurenbel (4th), 16 Boldnine (5th), 20 Redgrave Artist (6th), 33 Made My Son (f), 50 Calman, Mr Bennington, Weymouth Bay, Coven Princess, I Appeal, Wolver Plume. 16 ran. 8l, 4l, 1l, 3l, 6l. (W. G. M. Turner, Hindon.) Tote: Win, £162·40; places, £35·60, £1·70, £3·80; Dual F'cast, £517·90. SPSF: £316·74. NR: Penny Bay.

1.15 (2m 1f hdle): Valiant Dancer (R. Lawson, 13-1), 1; Hasty Thief (F. Byrne, 12-1), 2; Royal Valeur (G. Charles-Jones, 5-2F), 3. Also: 6 Some Moor (6th), 8 Good Investment (5th), Tender Love, 9 Gold Hunter (4th), 10 Solitaire, 16 Sharpen Up Boy, 33 Irish Williams, Stolford, Up At Dawn (p u), Aston Bank, Brundean Breeze, Calico Girl, Newton Park, Sioux Princess (p u). 17 ran. 2l, 1½l, 8l, 15l, 3l. (P. Taylor, Churt.) Tote: Win, £11·70; places, £2·90, £4·50, £2·00; Dual F'cast, £99·50. SPSF: £128·05.

1.45 (3m 1f 'ch): Rhyme 'N' Reason (G. Bradley, 2-1JF) 1; Claude Monet (R. Earnshaw, 2-1JF) 2; Celtic Beauty (R. Arnott, 13-2). Also: 9-2 Lucky Grorne, 20 Air Space (4th), Brit (6th), 33 Ras Forest (p.u.), French Lieutenant, Quite Hot (5th), 66 Landas Rocket (f), Pheasant Bridge (p.u.), Tudor Mile (f), Monkton Hill (b.d.). 13 ran. 7l, dist. 2l, 15l, 4l. (D. Murray Smith, Lambourn). Tote: Win, £4·10; places, £1·60, £1·30, £1·50; Dual F'cast, £5·90; SPSF: £8·25. NR: Chalford Hill, El Scandalo.

2.15 (2m 1f hdle): Mezlara (Steve Knight, 10-11F) 1; Music Wonder (R. Linley, 7-1) 2; Monsoon (P. Barton, 7-1) 3. Also: 13-2 Panto Prince (4th), 8 Into The Fire (5th), 10 Portband (f), 11 G. W. Supermare, 20 Moorland Maiden, Jody's Boy, 50 Cheezerl, Haddak, Teletrader, Obliged (b.d.), Diane's Delight, Golden Rome (6th), Half A Treat (p.u.), Thatchova. 17 ran. 6l, 1l, ½l, 2l, 1l. (A. Ingham, Epsom). Tote: win, £2·00; places, £1·50, £3·10, £2·30; Dual F'cast: £9·80. SPSF: £9·70.

2.45 (3m 3f 'ch): St William (Peter Hobbs, 2-1F) 1; Hever (P. Leach, 12-1) 2; Manston Marauder (S. Moore, 5-1) 3. Also: 7-2 Mood Music (slipped up), 6 The County Stone (5th), 7 Hopeful Answer (f), 16 Kings Singer (4th), 20 Oakprime (slipped up), 33 Miss Abwah, 50 Sweet Mandy (6th), Sabi. 11 ran. ½l, 15l, 4l, 2½l, 4l. (R. Hodges, Somberton). Tote: win, £3·70; places, £1·60, £2·70, £2·60; Dual F'cast, £44·90; SPSF: £25·81; Tricast: £101·73.

3.15 (3m 1f hdle): Ziparib (G Charles Jones 10-11) 1; Peony (M. Palmer 14-1) 2; Hand Me Down (P. Croucher 7-1) 3; Princess Isis (J. Duggan 5-1) 4. Also: 3-4F Falkland Conqueror (5th), 16 Tiluca, 20 Arctic Glow, 35 Derbyshire Filet, Gold Floor, Royal Bunkins, 33 Harlow Mill, Hopeful Courage, Lilt High (6th), Swift Encounter, Undeb (slipped up) 100 Otterden, Pydle Lady (p.u.), Brigadier Rose (slipped up). 18 ran. 5l, 1½l, 10l, 3l, 8l. (M. Lee-Judson, Arundel). Tote: Win, £13·50; Places, £2·10, £2·40, £1·90, £2·10; Dual F'cast, £55·20; SPSF, £132·94; Tricast, £961·41. NR: Major Tom.
PLACEPOT: £638·85.

NEWCASTLE, WARWICK.— Abandoned, frost.

Three in a line at the last flight in yesterday's Salmon Spray Hurdle at Fontwell Park are, from far side, Joy Ride, Boyne Salmon and Averon. Joy Ride beat Averon by half a length.

Peter Haynes . . . trainer of Dalbury.

Course Notes & Hints

DALBURY IS BEST

By Our Course Correspondent

DALBURY* is fancied to provide Peter Haynes's 16th victory this season in the competitive L'Oreal Handicap Hurdle (1.30) at Newbury today.

The six-year-old took the Chichester trainer past his previous best total of 14 with a fluent victory over Everseal at Lingfield Park last Saturday and he may shrug off a 6lb penalty here.

Dalbury is already entered in novices' 'chases, but Haynes has earmarked last season's William Hill Imperial Cup winner as a Schweppes candidate before he tackles fences.

The Sun Alliance Hurdle in March is the long-term objective of many of those who contest the Challow Hurdle (1.0). Sutton Prince is expected to stake his claim for that Cheltenham prize by scoring today.

Glen Berg fancied

Fred Winter's six-year-old has shown much-improved form this season, winning his last three races in good style. He may have too much experience for The Breener who has won both his starts over this course.

Glen Berg, leading when he unseated his rider at Wincanton on Boxing Day, may make amends in the Weyhill Handicap 'Chase (2.30) and the improving Ace of Spies will be hard to beat in the Wickham Novices' Hurdle (3.0).

COURSE SPECIALISTS

NEWBURY

Course winners.—1.0 (2½m 120y hdle): The Breener (2m 100y hdle twice). 1.30 (2m 100y hdle): Jack O'Lantern (2m 100y hdle). 2.0 (2m 160y 'ch): Romany Nightshade (2m 160y 'ch). 2.30 (3m 'ch): Solid Rock (2½m 'ch). Port Askaig (3m 'ch). Leney Dual (2½m, 3m 'ch twice).

Jockeys (since Aug., 1979).—Francome 51. Scudamore 36. H. Davies 20. Rowe 19. Smith Eccles 16. Linley 10. Barton 9. B. de Haan 9. Mr O. Sherwood 9. C. Smith 8. C. Brown 7. Morshead 7. Perrett 7. Webber 7.

Trainers.—Winter 58. Nicholson 39. Gifford 27. Henderson 19. F. Walwyn 19. Forster 13. Cundell 9. Bailey 7. M. H. Easterby 7. Elsworth 7. Gandolfo 7. L. Kennard 7. Mellor 7.

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Course Winners.—12.50 (2m 'ch): The Small Miracle (2m hdle, 2m 'ch). 1.20 (2m hdle): Harry Hastings (2m hdle). 1.50 (3m 3f 40y 'ch): Cockle Strand (4m 120y 'ch). 2.20 (2m hdle): L. O. Broadway (2m hdle). Centre Attraction (2m hdle). Mark Edelson (2m hdle). Colonel Rose (3m hdle). 3.20 (2½m hdle): Emo Forever (2½m hdle).

Jockeys (since Aug., 1979).—Lamb 44. J. O'Neill 25. T. G. Dun 21. Doughty 19. A. Brown 16. Grant 16. P. A. Charlton 15. Bradley 11. Earnshaw 9. Tuck 9. Hawkins 8. Stringer 8. Pimlott 7.

Trainers.—Richards 45. M. H. Easterby 33. W. A. Stephenson 25, in Ireland 16. Fisher 15. C. H. Bell 13. Oliver 13. J. S. Wilson 13. Denys Smith 11. Naughton 10. Crump 9. Fitzgerald 9. Thornton 9.

Newbury fields and form guide

Advance Official Going: SOFT

12.30 (Jackpot Prefix 1): ELCOT PARK NOVICES' 'CHASE Penalty Value £1,999 3m (8 declared)

2 P1P-P11 DRUMADOWNEY (BL) (D) (Lady Vestey), T. Forster, 6 11-8 H. Davies
4 00/F0-12 VALE OF WELTON (BF) (L. Connell), N. Henderson, 8 11-4 S. Smith Eccles
5 20P-113 BREAC BAN (Ladbroke Racing Ltd), R. Champion, 6 11-3 G. McCourt
6 22200-0 BATCHWORTH (Mrs D. Price), N. Henderson, 6 11-0 J. White
8 210/0 CONQUERING (Mrs M. Valentine), F. Winter, 6 11-0 T. Gibson (7)
11 P/0-F44 LAUREL HILL (Maj-Gen R. Burges), I. Dudgeon, 7 11-0 M. Richards
12 11-0F2F PERHAPS LUCKY (Mrs V. Hodges), D. Elsworth, 7 11-0 R. Arnott (4)
14 2/04P-04 KALE BRIG (P. Axon), P. Bowden, 9 10-9 .... A. Webber

S.P. FORECAST: 2 Drumadowney, 3 Vale of Welton, 7-2 Breac Ban, 5 Perhaps Lucky, 7 Conquering, 12 Batchworth, 20 others.

1983: Co Member 7 11-0 R. Davies 10-1 T. Forster, 14 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Drumadowney beat Brown Trix (rec 4lb) by 10l at Sandown (3m 118y) Nov 30 (good to soft). Vale of Welton was beaten nk by Lisbones Hill (rec 3lb) at Towcester (2m 5½f) Dec 15 with Batchworth (rec 3lb) another 19l away 6th (good to soft). Breac Ban was beaten 23l when 3rd to Cool Gin (gave 2lb) at Kempton (3m) Nov 8 (good). Perhaps Lucky fell at Huntingdon Dec 12 and previously was beaten 1½l by Grockle (level) at Newton Abbot (2m 5f) Nov 27 (soft). Conquering was not in first 9 to Berlin (gave 14lb) at Lingfield (2m hdle) Dec 8 (heavy). Laurel Hill was beaten 15½l when 4th to Good As Ever (gave 18lb) at Towcester (3m 190y) Dec 15 (good to soft).

DRUMADOWNEY may concede the weight to Breac Ban

1.0 (Prefix 2): CHALLOW HURDLE £5,598 2½m 120y (9)

1 0-121 CHURCH WARDEN (J. Moreton), D. Murray-Smith, 5 11-5 J. Francome
3 2/222F-1 LUCKY RASCAL (J. Ingram), J. Gifford, 5 11-5 R. Rowe
6 42-3111 SUTTON PRINCE (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin), F. Winter, 5 11-5 R. Linley
7 11 THE BREENER (C) (R.E.A. Bott "Wigmore St" Ltd), O. Sherwood, 5 11-5 ... Mr S. Sherwood
11 21 CHIPPED METAL (J. Barlow), R. Francis, 5 11-0 P. Scudamore
13 31 HUNTER RIVER (R. Sutherland), F. Walwyn, 6 11-0 R. Chapman
17 01 MITHLINI (Mrs P. Lemos), R. Smyth, 4 11-0 .. S. Smith Eccles
20 00 SEA RANGER (C. Roach), C. Roach, 4 11-0 . B. Wright
22 P05-0 HALATION'S FLAIR (K. May), Miss P. Neal, 9 10-9 R. Hoare

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Sutton Prince, 11-4 The Breener, 7-2 Church Warden, 7 Hunter River, Lucky Rascal, 14 Chipped Metal, 16 Mithlini, 50 others.

1983: Catch Phrase 5 11-5 P. Double 11-4F J. Gifford, 8 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Church Warden beat Ardesee (rec 5lb) by 7l at Cheltenham (3m 1f) Nov 9 (soft). Sutton Prince beat Maganyos (rec 3lb) by 5l at Sandown (2m 5f 75y) Nov 30 with Mithlini (rec 4lb) another 12½l away 5th (good to soft). Later Mithlini beat Paulatim (level) by 3l at Plumpton (2 2m) Dec 21 (soft). Lucky Rascal beat Ashlone (gave 3lb) by 2l at Sandown (2m) Nov 30 (good to soft). The Breener beat Welsh Warrior (level) by 4l over today's course (2m 100y) Nov 24 (heavy). Chipped Metal beat Open The Box (level) by 3l at Haydock (2m) Dec 13 (good). Hunter River beat Tour de Force (gave 4lb) by 1½l at Towcester (2m) Dec 15 (good to soft).

THE BREENER may complete hat-trick. Sutton Prince next best.

1.30 (Prefix 3): L'OREAL HANDICAP HURDLE £4,858 2m 100y (11)

3 30-0021 DALBURY (R. Smale), P. Haynes, 6 11-13 (6lb ex) P. Corrigan (7)
4 04-0400 JADE AND DIAMOND (R. Lavelle), G. Balding, 6 11-2 R. Chapman (4)
6 004-1F1 PRIDEAUX BOY (C. Roach), C. Roach, 6 11-0 B. Wright
7 21-002P WHOLE SHEBANG (R. Bartholomew), A. Turnell, 5 10-13 Steve Knight
8 0B043-F FLAREY SARK (D) (D. Delaney), R. Fisher, 7 10-12 J. D. Doyle (4)
13 000-011 ISHKOMANN (Mrs J. Warren), J. Spearing, 5 10-5 (6lb ex) R. Linley
14 001-404 JACK O'LANTERN (CD) (W. Pronin), P. Cundell, 9 10-1 R. Rowe
15 2513F0- HOMEOLA (R. Mann), D. Nicholson, 5 10-0 . P. Scudamore
17 050-000 SUNFLOWER LAD (M. Clemence), T. Bulgin, 5 10-0 J. Lovejoy
18 20P/015 BRAUNSTON BROOK (BF) (Mrs E. Boucher), D. Oughton, 6 10-0 P. Double
19 05-0400 LOOK AT THAT (R. Pollard), J. Thorne, 6 10-0 .. J. Hurst (7)

S.P. FORECAST: 3 Prideaux Boy, 4 Ishkomann, 9-2 Dalbury, 7 Jack O'Lantern, 8 Braunston Brook, Whole Shebang, 10 Flarey Sark, Jade And Diamond, 16 others.

1983: Cool Decision 6 11-7 R. Earnshaw 11-2JF Miss S. Hall, 16 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Dalbury beat Everseal (rec 10lb) by 1½l at Lingfield (2m) Dec 22 with Jack O'Lantern (rec 13lb) another 27l away 4th and Whole Shebang (rec 3lb) pulled up (heavy). Prideaux Boy beat the subsequently disqualified Rushmoor (gave 20lb) by 5l at Sandown (2m) Dec 1 with Whole Shebang (gave 4lb) another ok away 3rd and Jade and Diamond (gave 8lb) in rear (good to soft). Ishkomann beat Rhythmic Pastimes (gave 11lb) by 3l at Doncaster (2m 150y) Dec 14 (good to firm). Braunston Brook was beaten 1½l when 3rd to Berlin (gave 7lb) at Lingfield (2m) Dec 8 with Jack O'Lantern (gave 4lb) 8th—Dalbury (gave 13lb) was 2nd beaten 1l (heavy).

PRIDEAUX BOY has sound claims. Dalbury next best.

2.0 (Prefix 4): OLD YEAR HANDICAP 'CHASE £2,359 2m 160y (4)

2 113-U11 ROMANY NIGHTSHADE (CD) (R. Stead), T. Forster, 8 11-13 (6lb ex) ... H. Davies
5 0-0F004 OYSTER POND (K. Clarke), M. McCourt, 7 11-5 .. G. McCourt
8 2F1-0F4 LULAV (C. Gavental), D. Nicholson, 6 10-13 ... P. Scudamore
9 110113/ BRAVEN (J. Berry), J. Berry, 10 10-11 .... C. Brown

S.P. FORECAST: 8-11 Romany Nightshade, 7-2 Lulav, 4 Oyster Pond, 11-2 Braven.

1983: Ragafan 6 10-5 R. Hughes 12-1 R. Smyth. 6 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Romany Nightshade beat Walnut Wonder (rec 4lb) by 8l at Cheltenham (2m) Dec 8 (good to soft). Oyster Pond was beaten 22¾l when 4th to Left Bank (gave 8lb) at Ascot (2m) Dec 15 (good to soft). Lulav was beaten 46½l when 4th to State Case (level) at Nottingham (2m) Dec 22 (good to soft).

ROMANY NIGHTSHADE may win again. Oyster Pond next best.

2.30 (Prefix 5): WEYHILL HANDICAP 'CHASE £2,655 3m (8)

2 3B020-0 WEST TIP (D) (P. Luff), M. Oliver, 7 11-13 ... R. Dunwoody
3 P2F-121 GREEN BRAMBLE (Lady Plummer), N. Henderson, 7 11-13 (6lb ex) ... S. Smith Eccles
4 334544 SOLID ROCK (C) (R. Cottle), D. Barons, 8 11-6 ... C. Brown
6 PF-0143 PORT ASKAIG (CD) (Ld Chelsea), T. Forster, 9 11-5 . H. Davies
7 F420/4U GLEN BERG (BL) (D) (BF) (C. Pilkington), F. Walwyn, 9 11-0 K. Mooney
8 04440-0 LENEY DUAL (CD) (J. Mawle), D. Nicholson, 9 10-13 P. Scudamore
9 03P-000 GREENBANK PARK (A. F. Budge Ltd), R. Perkins, 7 10-12 Dai Williams
10 13213-4 SOMMELIER (D) (D. Wates), R. Gow, 6 10-10 .... A. Webber

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Green Bramble, 7-2 Sommelier, 9-2 Glen Berg, 6 Port Askaig, 8 West Tip, 10 Solid Rock, 12 Greenbank Park, 14 Leney Dual.

1983: Burnt Oak 7 11-1 P. Scudamore 7-4F D. Nicholson. 6 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Green Bramble beat Grinders (gave 4lb) by 6l at Nottingham (2¾m) Dec 22 (good to soft). Port Askaig was beaten 10l by Run And Skip (rec 2lb) at Warwick (3m) Dec 14 with West Tip (gave 8lb) another 17¾l away 6th (heavy). Sommelier was a distant 4th to Smith's Man (rec 4lb) at Leicester (3m) Dec 17 (good). Solid Rock was beaten 20l when 4th to Charter Party (rec 9lb) at Worcester (3m) Dec 19 (heavy). Greenbank Park was 7th of 12 to Co Member (rec 15lb) at Ludlow (3m) Dec 18 (good). Leney Dual was beaten 19½l when 6th to Smith's Man (rec 9lb) at Leicester (3m) Dec 4 (good). Glen Berg unseated rider at Wincanton Dec 26 and previously was beaten 13½l when 4th to Royscar (rec 21lb) at Devon (3m 1f) Dec 7 (heavy).

GREEN BRAMBLE is preferred to Port Askaig

3.0 (Prefix 6): WICKHAM NOVICES' HURDLE 3-Y-O £1,826 2m 100y. (20)

4 010 BIGEE (P. Kearney), D. Oughton, 11-5 .... P. Double
6 10 HONEYDEW WONDER (A. Hunt), D. Elsworth, 11-5 R. Arnott (4)
10 02 ACE OF SPIES (D. Horswell), L. Kennard, 11-0 P. Scudamore
11 0 ANY BUSINESS (O. Zawawi), W. Musson, 11-0 Gina Hessman (7)
15 0003 BLUELIMIT (D. Winfield), D. Elsworth, 11-0 C. Brown
19 0/0 DOUBLETON (A. Ford), L. Kennard, 11-0 .... B. Powell
23 FREEMASON (Mrs C. Heath), O. Sherwood, 11-0 Mr S. Sherwood
24 GOLD CREEK (B. Mitchell), M. McCourt, 11-0 .. G. McCourt
29 HIMALAYA (G. Hartigan), G. Hartigan, 11-0 .... —
32 0 MARSTON MOOR (S. Rowell), B. Palling, 11-0 ... Mr P. Morgan
33 25 MOSOF (J. Bacon), D. Oughton, 11-0 .... H. Davies
36 PLOUGHMAN'S (H. Man), Mrs N. Kennedy, 11-0 .... —
38 0 SHARP IMAGE (P. Walker), G. Balding, 11-0 .... B. Reilly
42 0 TAMINO (Mrs M. Valentine), F. Winter, 11-0 .... J. Francome
44 0 THE REEDCUTTER (D. Larke), Mrs N. Smith, 11-0 . R. Rowe
45 TORY (Maj.-Gen. Sir J. d'Avigdor-Goldsmid), F. Walwyn, 11-0 K. Mooney
46 WINNING FLUSH (M. Klaveness), M. Scudamore, 11-0 M. Williams
47 30 AVERAGE (Mrs M. Hambro), L. Kennard, 10-9 S. Smith Eccles
48 CANONESS (A. Byrne), P. Hayward, 10-9 .... P. Corrigan (7)
49 FOLKLAND (T. Kanusashi), D. Arbuthnot, 10-9 Mr T. Thompson-Jones

Ploughman's non-runner, states trainer.

S.P. FORECAST: 4-5 Ace of Spies, 6 Mosof, 8 Tamino, 10 The Reedcutter, Bigee, Honeydew Wonder, 14 Tory, 16 others.

1983: Broad Beam 11-5 S. Morshead 9-4F Mrs M. Rimell. 22 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Ace of Spies was beaten 1l by Out of the Gloom (level) at Chepstow (2m) Dec 22 (soft). Mosof was beaten 52½l when 3rd to Wing And A Prayer (level) at Kempton (2m) Nov 8 (good to soft). Honeydew Wonder was 8th of 13 to Wing And A Prayer (gave 3lb) at Cheltenham (2m) Dec 8 (good to soft). Bluelimit was beaten 9l when 3rd to Double Swing (level) over today's course and distance Nov 23 with Average (rec 9lb) brought down (heavy). Bigee was 8th to Beat The Retreat (gave 4lb) at Sandown (2m) Dec 1 with Tamino (level) 10th of 19 (good to soft). The Reedcutter was beaten 35l when 5th to Russborough (level) at Plumpton (2m) Nov 28 (soft).

ACE OF SPIES will be hard to beat. Bigee next best.
TOTE DOUBLE: 1.30 & 2.30 races. TREBLE: 1.0, 2.0 & 3.0.

NORTHERN CORRESPONDENT

AYR: 12.50, Karenomore; 1.20, Harry Hastings; 1.50, Brunton Park; 2.20, L.O. Broadway; 2.50, The Divider (nap); 3.20, Emo Forever.

WHISTLER'S NAP

Brunton Park (1.50 Ayr) is today's revised nap by Whistler of the SUNDAY TELEGRAPH.

STATE OF GOING

Advance official going for Monday's meetings: Newbury, "soft"; Worcester, "heavy"; Catterick Bridge, "good"; Leicester, 'ch "good," hdle "soft."

NEWMARKET SELECTIONS

NEWBURY: 12.30 Breac Ban; 3.0 Any Business.

Cricket

Indian selectors stand firm and Kapil stays out

By MICHAEL CAREY in Calcutta

AFTER a seven-hour meeting last night, the Indian selectors stood by their decision not to pick all-rounder Kapil Dev for the third Test, which starts in Calcutta on New Year's Eve. They also declined a suggestion from their board president, Mr N. K. P. Salve, that they should add an extra player to their squad.

India's captain, Sunil Gavaskar, who attended the meeting, described the committee's action as: "A very courageous one." He felt it had also strengthened his own position as captain.

Kapil was omitted immediately after India's defeat in the second Test in Delhi, along with Sandeep Patil. Both were out to irresponsible strokes, which contributed to their side's failure. The explanation for their omission was given as "cricketing reasons."

The selectors, I gather, felt that they should make their disapproval strongly known, especially for the benefit of younger players in the side. Inevitably, however, the proposed absence of a player of Kapil's undoubted ability has provoked protests the length and breadth of India.

Street march

Posters saying: "No Kapil, no Test" have appeared in Calcutta, protesters have marched through the streets, and last night's meeting was the result of a get-together between Gavaskar, Kapil and Mr Salve three days ago in an apparent attempt to soothe the situation.

The result was a statement saying relations between the two players were "cordial" and the suggestion that a 15th player be added to the Test squad—a possibly unprecedented act which could be interpreted as undermining the authority of the selectors as well as the captain.

The decision not to reinstate Kapil was a unanimous one, though this was not the case initially, which was the probable reason for the length of the meeting which was attended by all five selectors—Chandu Borde chairman, Hanumant Singh, Bishen Bedi, Kirpal Sigh and Amber Roy.

Judge A. W. Kanmadikhar admitted that the entire episode had been something of an embarrassment to the Board.

Gavaskar, who denied that he had threatened to resign if Kapil was recalled, said he felt the Board had shown considerable conviction in the face of much criticism and had also been under pressure to change their minds.

He was not worried about possible crowd reaction. "I have played in Calcutta before with the crowd against me and it only makes me more determined to succeed," he said.

Day off

The England players were given a surprise day off yesterday as a reward for their four-wicket win in the one-day international in Cuttack on Thursday.

David Gower, the captain, said: "The lads deserve the break to recover after a long day yesterday."

The team rose at 7 a.m. on Thursday to travel to Cuttack and it was nearly midnight last night before they settled back into their Calcutta hotel.

LAWSON DECISION TODAY

By A Special Correspondent in Sydney

A DECISION on West Indian complaints about the behaviour of Geoff Lawson, the Australian fast bowler, is expected today.

The West Indian Cricket Board have protested over alleged actions by Lawson in the fourth Test which ended in a draw in Melbourne on Thursday.

The West Indians are upset over incidents involving Lawson and batsman Gordon Greenidge, also Lawson's behaviour towards umpire Steve Randell.

Clive Lloyd, the West Indies captain, said that if someone behaved "like an idiot" it was up to those in charge to take action.

Bob Merriman, the Australian team manager, said he had already spoken to Lawson briefly about the complaints. "I will be having another talk with Geoff as soon as possible and then review the matter."

He said the Australian Cricket Board would get a report from him today and would then take whatever action was necessary after reading his submission.

Mr Merriman said he expected an announcement would be made later today after Lawson had been informed.

He emphasised that the complaints about Lawson were not being brought under the players' code of behaviour but were a Board-to-Board matter.

Athletics

Budd back in action

ZOLA BUDD returns to competitive athletics in an eight kilometre road race in Zurich tomorrow, four months after she was booed and jeered out of the Olympic Stadium in Los Angeles.

The shy South African-born athlete, 18, will be determined to re-launch her promising career after her last race—the Olympic 3,000 metres final in August—ended in heartbreak.

Budd's presence in the Zurich event has swelled the field. More than 10,000 people will start—1,000 up on last year—but police say no extra security measures will be in force despite the controversy surrounding Budd's short career.

She was granted British citizenship in record time last April, allowing her to evade the international sporting boycott of South Africa and to compete in Los Angeles.

Her golden dreams were shattered when she collided with Mary Decker, the American favourite, in the 3,000 metres.

A field of nearly 2,200 starts 45 minutes later in the men's race. Runners include three Olympic silver medallists from Los Angeles—Joseph Mahmoud of France (3,000 metres steeplechase), Swiss Markus Ryffel (5,000 metres) and Mike McLeod of Britain (10,000 metres).

JOYNER JUMPS IN JAPANESE EVENT

Olympic champions Al Joyner of the United States and Doina Melinte, of Rumania are among 11 Los Angeles medal winners expected to take part in an international indoor athletics meeting in Osaka, Japan, on Jan. 15.

Joyner, 25, won the triple jump and Melinte, 28, took the 800 metres gold in the Olympics. The Japanese Amateur Athletic Federation said yesterday that about 70 athletes from 10 foreign countrise were expected to compete, with the home country fielding a further 70.

AYR RUNNERS & RIDING PLANS

SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	FORM
12.50—Karenomore	12.50—Karenomore
1.20—Harry Hastings	1.20—Music Be Magic
1.50—Brunton Park	1.50—Brunton Park
2.20—Johroke	2.20—Johroke
2.50—The Divider	2.50—Durham Edition
3.20—Emo Forever	3.20—Boardmans Coronet

Advance official going: GOOD TO SOFT

12.50: TAIRLAW NOVICES' 'CHASE Penalty Value £1,159 2m (6 declared)

1 011 Karenomore (D) M. H. Easterby, 6 11-13 A. Brown
3 F14 Pebble Island (D) (BF), G. Richards, 5 11-8 D. Coakley (4)
6 150 The Small Miracle (CD), N. Bycroft, 6 11-8 P. A. Charlton
10 21P Scottish Dream, G. Richards, 6 11-5 N. Doughty
11 0-03 Sword Game, W. Fairgrieve, 8 11-3 ... T. G. Dun
12 0UP Tamson's Tipple, D. Robertson, 8 11-3 Mr D. Robertson

S.P. FORECAST: 4-5 Karenomore, 4 Pebble Island, 9-2 The Small Miracle, 7 Scottish Dream, 14 Sword Game, 25 Tamson's Tipple.

1.20: LADBROKE NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) £2,151 2m (8)

1 11 Harry Hastings (CD), J. S. Wilson, 5 12-0 C. Grant
4 311 Hand Over (D), Mrs M. Dickinson, 5 11-12 R. Earnshaw
5 211 Music Be Magic (D), G. Richards, 5 11-10 N. Doughty
6 011 Carneades (D), M. H. Easterby, 4 11-4 J. O'Neill
8 121 Amber Rambler (D), H. Wharton, 5 11-2 P. Tuck
12 003 Ribbons Of Blue, J. W. Watts, 4 10-0 G. W. Gray
16 334 Vimye Pet, T. Barnes, 7 10-0 .. M. Barnes
17 /4-4 Rushyford, W. A. Stephenson, 6 10-0 Mr P. J. Dun

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Harry Hastings, 3 Carneades, 7-2 Music Be Magic, 4 Hand Over, 8 Amber Rambler, 14 Ribbons Of Blue, 16 Rushyford, 20 Vimye Pet.

1.50: GLENTROOL HANDICAP 'CHASE £2,385 3m 3f 40y (6)

1 22F Brunton Park, Mrs M. Dickinson, 6 11-10 G. Bradley
2 204 Cockle Strand (C), K. Oliver, 11 11-9 T. G. Dun
4 014 Run'n Fly, A. Mactaggart, 8 11-3 .... M. Dwyer
7 F0L Succeeded, W. A. Stephenson, 7 10-11 Mr P. J. Dun
9 404 Immigrate, G. Richards, 11 10-6 .. .. N. Doughty
10 4U1 Bitterman, J. Jefferson, 7 10-0 (4lb ex) C. Grant

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Brunton Park, 3 Run'n Fly, 7-2 Cockle Strand, 9-2 Succeeded, 7 Immigrate, 8 Bitterman.

2.20: ARPAX 80 HANDICAP HURDLE £2,401 2m (7)

1 033 Alten Glazed (D), M. Naughton, 7 11-10 P. A. Farrell (7)
2 200 L O Broadway (CD), R. Fisher, 6 11-4 K. Teelan (4)
3 111 Johroke (D), M. H. Easterby, 4 11-3 (6lb ex) Mr T. Easterby
7 F22 Centre Attraction (CD) (BF), G. Richards, 5 10-3 N. Doughty
8 121 Mark Edelson (CD), J. Jefferson, 7 10-1 M. Hill (7)
9 030 Colonel Rose (CD), T. Goldie, 7 10-0 Mr G. Harker
11 001 Albertat (D), Denys Smith, 4 10-0 (4lb ex) C. Grant

S.P. FORECAST: 6-4 Johroke, 4 L O Broadway, 5 Mark Edelson, 6 Centre Attraction, 7 Alten Glazed, 10 Albertat, 14 Colonel Rose.

2.50: BENNAN NOVICES' 'CHASE £1,213 2½m (8)

1 1-41 Durham Edition, W. A. Stephenson, 6 11-3 R. Lamb
5 021 The Divider (D), Mrs T. Calder, 6 11-3 T. G. Dun
7 PP3 Another Wager, R. Fisher, 7 10-12 M. Meagher (4)
11 240 French Lord, G. Richards, 6 10-12 D. Coakley (4)
12 0 Light Demon, G. Richards, 7 10-12 ... N. Doughty
15 FU3 Thelmas Secret, T. Barnes, 7 10-12 ... M. Barnes
17 102 Empress Jeannie, L. Foster, 7 10-7 ... A. Stringer
19 004 Wayz Goose, Mrs R. Hutchinson-Bradburne, 6 10-7 Mrs S. Bradburne

S.P. FORECAST: 3 The Divider, 7-2 Durham Edition, 4 Thelmas Secret, 5 French Lord, 6 Empress Jeannie, 10 Another Wager, 12 Light Demon, 25 Wayz Goose.

3.20: LAURIESTON NOVICES' HURDLE £8 2½m (7)

2 001 Boardmans Coronet, G. Richards, 6 11-5 N. Doughty
3 213 Emo Forever (CD) M. H. Easterby, 4 11-3 J. O'Neill
7 00 Arpal Dash, A. Scott, 4 10-12 ... P. A. Charlton
16 F4 Tommy Ge, Mrs J. Goodfellow, 5 10-12 G. Bradley
19 0P0 Bright Suggestion, T. Goldie, 6 10-7 Mr G. Harker (7)
20 00-0 Collislace, H. McConnell, 6 10-7 Mr D. Swindlehurst (7)
24 400 Susanna, J. Andrews, 6 10-7 ... Mrs S. Bradburne

S.P. FORECAST: 5-4 Emo Forever, 6-4 Boardmans Coronet, 8 Arpal Dash, 12 Tommy Ge, 14 Susanna, 16 others.

Stratford-on-Avon programme

SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	FORM
1. 0—Garden Route	1. 0—Super Grass
1.30—Little Ginger	1.30—Light Sentence
2. 0—Keep A Promise	2. 0—Jimmy Miff
2.30—Hadajar	2.30—Lucyfar
3. 0—Notre Cheval	3. 0—Legal Emperor
3.30—Maganyos	3.30—Maganyos

Advance official going: GOOD TO SOFT

1.0: AULD LANG SYNE NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. I) Penalty Value £752 2m (16 declared)

3 000 Ariano (BL), J. Edwards, 4 10-12 ...... P. Barton
9 430 Count Frederick, T. Clay, 4 10-12 ...... G. Moore
10 P Courtiers Way, M. Tate, 4 10-12 ... C. Smith
15 P00 Expeditious, I. Campbell, 4 10-12 R. Campbell (4)
17 Garden Route, G. Thorner, 4 10-12 ... R. Kington
19 Headin' On, M. Eckley, 4 10-12 ... A. O'Hagan
26 Pokerfayes, B. McMahon, 5 10-12 ...... T. Wall
29 0-05 Sperlamo, Mrs W. Sykes, 5 10-12 .. S. Morshead
30 043 Super Grass (BF), S. Mellor, 5 10-12 M. Perrett
32 001 Track Rythm (D) J. Webber, 4 10-12 M. Jenkins (7)
33 003 Turkoman (BL), D. Sasse, 5 10-12 ... S. Shilston
34 00-0 Two Minutes, J. Spearing, 5 10-12 ... R. Dickin
35 00F- Water Dragon, E. White, 4 10-12 ...... C. Mann
38 0 My Fancy, P. M. Taylor, 5 10-7 ...... A. Carroll
41 Sammerino Sol, J. Bradley, 5 10-7 ...... G. Davies
42 Wild Queen, W. Fisher, 4 10-7 ...... P. Murphy

S.P. FORECAST. 5-2 Super Grass, 100-30 Garden Route, 9-2 Sperlamo, 6 Ariano, 8 Track Rythm, 9 Expeditious, Turkoman, 12 others.

1.30: BRAN TUB SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE £775 2m (13)

1 0-01 Chummy's Boy (BL) (D), D. Burchell, 4 12-4 (7lb ex.) Mr M. Richards (7)
2 2-00 Little Ginger (D), B. McMahon, 5 11-10 Mr E. McMahon (7)
4 002 Pass Ashore, M. Oliver, 5 11-5 .. Mr J. Weston
6 000 Keep Sauntering (D), W. G. Turner, 5 11-2 Miss T. Turner (7)
7 010 Esryana (D) M. Madgwick, 4 11-1 A. Madgwick (4)
11 0F0 In Situ (D), C. Miller, 5 10-9 P. Croucher (4)
12 30-0 Inspector Ben (BL), R. Juckes, 5 10-7 D. Chino (7)
13 400 Ales Choice, Mrs M. Bevan, 5 10-6 . C. Smith
16 4/P0 Charles Boot (BL), P. Pritchard, 5 10-4 C. Mann
17 033 Light Sentence, P. Pritchard, 6 10-4 N. Fearn (7)
19 440 Bill Sanders, T. Hallett, 6 10-0 L. Bloomfield (4)
21 00-0 Tudor Roof, R. Crellin, 4 10-0 .... —
23 000 Hengchow, C. Bridgett, 6 10-0 ... Mr C. Bridgett

S.P. FORECAST: 11-4 Chummy's Boy, 7-2 Pass Ashore, 9-2 Esryana, Light Sentence, 11-2 Little Ginger, 8 Keep Sauntering, 10 others.

2.0: J. H. ROWE CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP 'CHASE £2,607 3¼m (9)

3 P-0U Woodlands Lad (CD), P. Pritchard, 9 11-9 C. Mann
8 424 Native Break, Mrs W. Sykes, 7 11-3 S. Morshead
9 01/4 Jimmy Miff (CD), I. Wardle, 12 11-2 .. —
11 PL4 Lawn Meet, N. Henderson, 9 10-12 P. Croucher (4)
12 3-42 Housemistress, Miss R. Harper, 9 10-9 Miss R. Harper
14 340 Chudel Roc (BL), J. Bradley, 9 10-7 G. Davies
15 FP3- Letterbox (CD), E. Witts, 9 10-6 Lorna Vincent
17 32-0 Bronwyn (D), Mrs S. Davenport, 7 10-2 A. Sharpe
18 042 Keep A Promise, J. Wilson, 6 10-0 Mrs G. Rees

S.P. FORECAST: 3 Housemistress, 4 Jimmy Miff, 5 Keep A Promise, 11-2 Lawn Meet, 13-2 Native Break, 8 Woodlands Lad, Letterbox, 12 others.

2.30: VIVIAN STREET AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP 'CHASE £1,679 2m (7)

2 444 Lucyfar (D), F. Walwyn, 8 11-7 M. Bradstock (7)
7 00-0 Billy Way (D) P. O'Connor, 14 10-7 A. Hambly (7)
8 3-24 Hadajar (CD), M. Tate, 9 10-7 .... R. J. Beggan
10 0F0 Sandwalker (BF) Mrs M. Rimell, 5 10-7 M. Price (7)
16 P00 Portin's Last, J. Harris, 8 10-7 .. A. Walton (7)
17 3F4 His Master's Voice (BL), M. Henriques, 6 10-7 Mr M. Armytage (7)
18 /P-0 Wissington Joy, P. Poston, 7 10-7 P. Harding-Jones (7)

S.P. FORECAST: 13-8 Lucyfar, 9-4 Hadajar, 9-2 Billy Way, 11-2 Sandwalker, 14 His Master's Voice, 20 others.

3.0: DARK STRANGERS NOVICES' HANDICAP 'CHASE £2,081 2¾m (12)

1 P33 Emperor Charles (BF), F. Winter, 7 11-10 J. Duggan (4)
3 134 Notre Cheval, S. Mellor, 5 11-4 ...... M. Perrett
12 U0F Whittington, Mrs M. Easton, 6 10-7 ... S. Moore
13 2P-0 Rough Wind, C. Loggin, 8 10-7
14 3UB Flying Mistress, J. Webber, 6 10-7 M. Jenkins (7)
15 04-P Great Hays, C. Trietline, 8 10-6 ... M. Caswell (7)
16 013 Postdyne, W. Mann, 9 10-4 .... P. Carroll
16 0FF Gambling Abbot, Mrs M. Rimell, 6 10-3 S. Morshead
19 FP Jimmy Flint, R. Dunn, 8 10-3
21 32F Legal Emperor, J. FitzGerald, 6 10-0 S. Keightley
25 042 Mr Candy, A. Moore, 5 10-0 ...... G. Moore
26 002 Middle-Mark, M. Madgwick, 6 10-0 A. Madgwick (4)

Jimmy Flint, non-runner states trainer.

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Legal Emperor, 7-2 Notre Cheval, 4 Emperor Charles, 11-2 Postdyne, 13-2 Mr Candy, Flying Mistress, 10 others.

3.30: AULD LANG SYNE NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. II) £706 2m (17)

1 133 Eurolink Boy (D), P. Mitchell, 5 11-5 A. Wright (7)
4 222 Maganyos (D) (BF), N. Henderson, 4 11-0 J. White
5 0-10 Rheffanom (D), Miss A. Sinclair, 5 11-0 P. Croucher (4)
7 Backpacker, T. Clay, 4 10-12 .. Mr D. Beall (7)
9 0 Burlington Lad, J. Perrett, 5 10-12 ..... J. Nolan
10 0P- Countrywide, M. Oliver, 5 10-12 ... Mr J. Weston
11 405 Derryinver, R. Frost, 4 10-12 D. Wonnacott (7)
16 P Job Shop, J. Edwards, 5 10-12 .... P. Barton
18 04 Lisiary Lad, Mrs M. Rimell, 4 10-12 S. Morshead
22 Mighty Muddle, S. Mellor, 5 10-12 ... M. Perrett
30 0-U0 Avenita Lady, Mrs A. Finch, 4 10-7
32 P- Cervantic Sovereign, J. Roberts, 5 10-7 R. Milbe
33 UU+ Little Khan, J. Johnson, 5 10-7 .... C. Smith
36 00 Misha, J. Wilson, 4 10-7 .... Mrs G. Rees
39 4/ Sally Blue, C. Jackson, 8 10-7 .... J. Burke
41 00 Shoravogue, G. Prest, 7 10-7 ....
42 3-23 Stars And Stripes (BF), R. Frost, 5 10-7 J. Frost

Avenita Lady, non-runner states trainer.

S.P. FORECAST: Evens Maganyos, 9-2 Rheffanom, Derryinver, Stars And Stripes, 8 Eurolink Boy, 12 Lisiary Lad, 16 others.

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Today's League Games

(Kick off 3 unless stated)

CANON LGE.—Div I

1 Chelsea v Man Utd
2 Coventry v West Ham
3 Ipswich v Everton
4 Liverpool v Luton
5 Newcastle v Arsenal
6 Nottm F v Aston Villa
7 Southampton v Sheff Wed
8 Stoke v QPR
9 Tottenham v Sunderland
10 Watford v Leicester
11 W Bromwich v Norwich

DIVISION II

12 Barnsley v Notts Co
13 Birmingham v Fulham
14 Blackburn v Huddersfield
15 Brighton v Wimbledon
16 Charlton v Grimsby
17 Leeds v Cardiff
18 Man City v Wolves
19 Middlesbrough v Oldham
20 Oxford v C Palace
21 Sheff Utd v Portsmouth
22 Shrewsbury v Carlisle

DIVISION III

23 Bradford v Bolton
24 Brentford v Reading
25 Bristol C v Burnley
26 Cambridge v Rotherham
27 Gillingham v Bristol R
28 Millwall v Bournemouth
29 Newport v Plymouth
30 Orient v Doncaster
31 Swansea v Derby
32 Walsall v Lincoln
33 Wigan v Preston
34 York v Hull

DIVISION IV

35 Aldershot v Wrexham
36 Blackpool v Hartlepool
37 Bury v Tranmere (3.15)
38 Chester v Swindon
39 Chesterfield v Peterborough
40 Darlington v Crewe
41 Exeter v Hereford
42 Halifax v Stockport (Postponed)
43 Northampton v Torquay
44 Scunthorpe v Rochdale
45 Southend v Mansfield

SCOTTISH LGE.—Prem Div

46 Celtic v Dundee U
47 Dumbarton v Rangers
48 Dundee v Hibernian
49 Hearts v Morton
50 St Mirren v Aberdeen

SCOTTISH LGE.—Div I

51 Airdrie v Meadowbank
52 Brechin v Clyde
53 Falkirk v East Fife
54 Hamilton v Ayr
55 Kilmarnock v Motherwell
— Partick v Forfar
— St Johnstone v Clydebank

SCOTTISH LGE—Div. II

— Albion v Queen's Pk
— Alloa v E Stirling
— Arbroath v Raith
— Berwick v Stranraer
— Cowdenbeath v Stenhousemuir
— Montrose v Q of South
— Stirling v Dunfermline

HALIFAX OFF

Today's Fourth Division match between Halifax and Stockport County has been postponed. The Football League have given Halifax permission to call the game off because ten of their 16 professionals either have influenza or are showing symptoms.

LOAN DEBUT

Martin Singleton, the Coventry mid-field player, has signed on loan for Third Division leaders Bradford City

ARSENAL SIGN SOUTHAMPTON'S WILLIAMS

By *ROGER MALONE*

ARSENAL finally "got their man" last night— completing the signing of Steve Williams, Southampton's midfield star, for a fee reported to be in excess of £500,000.

So ended an involved month of unrest at Southampton and negotiations between the two clubs, sparked by Williams, 26, declaring that 10 years with Saints was enough, and that he wanted to move. The club's board eventually and reluctantly agreed to the move.

Arsenal bid £500,000, but Southampton wanted £700,000, and when his transfer failed to take shape, Williams declared he "would never play for Southampton again."

When Southampton lowered their price, Williams changed his tune to "the club are now playing fair with my future" and he returned to the side against Watford on Boxing Day.

He had been named in the squad for today's match against Sheffield Wednesday, the news came that agreement on the fee had been reached, with Arsenal's team travelling to Newcastle.

Debut delayed

Subject to the League and F A accepting the transfer details, Williams will make his Arsenal debut in Tuesday's North London derby with Tottenham.

Earlier in the day Bobby Gould who bustled into numerous managerial transfer deals with the same enthusiasm he displayed in his playing career, lost his job as Coventry's manager because his hurriedly-built team did not knit together well enough.

He made 45 transfer deals in a season and a half but ended up with a team which could not defend against the new attacking forces of the First Division.

With 24 goals rattling into Coventry's net in the last six games, chairman John Poynton announced that Mr Gould's contract, which had 18 months to run, had been terminated.

Don MacKay, a former Dundee manager who became assistant-manager only three months ago, will be in charge until the end of the season.

Mr Mackay accepted his job with "very mixed feelings" last night.

Mr Mackay, 44, also is aware of the reasons why Coventry finished last season in 19th position — despite a heady start of fourth-place a year ago after beating Liverpool 4-0—and why they now are next to bottom.

"There has been a lack of continuity with so many team changes, some enforced by injuries, and this has led to a lack of confidence," he said.

"After the chairman spoke to the players to explain what is happening. I told them that we all have to accept responsibility for the club's position, some to a greater extent, some to a lesser.

His hope is that October's big-money signings, Cyrille Regis and Peter Barnes, English internationals, will make a consistent impact in the side.

OXFORD SET TO SIGN McDERMOTT

By BILL MEREDITH

OXFORD, determined to maintain their Second Division promotion challenge, are set to sign Brian McDermott, 23, the Arsenal midfield player.

Jim Smith, the Oxford manager, hopes to complete the £30,000 deal in time for his team's F A Cup match at Shrewsbury next weekend.

McDermott has played 60 League games for Arsenal but has not made a first team appearance this season.

Rhoades-Brown recall

Oxford, 4-0 winners over Cardiff on Boxing Day, recall Peter Rhoades-Brown, the former Chelsea winger, for their home match with **Crystal Palace** today.

Rhoades-Brown has completed a three-match suspension

Wolves, in dire trouble near the bottom of the Second Division, drop David Barnes, their £35,000 defender, and introduce full-back David Haywood, 17, for their visit to **Manchester City**.

Portsmouth, level on points with Oxford in fourth place, will be without strikers Nick Morgan and Alan Bailey (whose two late goals beat Oxford last week) against **Sheffield United** at Bramall Lane.

Morgan (hip) and Biley (back) are both injured and manager Alan Ball has named Scott McGarvey and new signings Dave Bamber and Paul Surgue in his squad.

Charlton have signed Perry Digweed, the Brighton goalkeeper, on a month's loan. With Tony Lange out with a broken ankle, Charlton need cover for Nicky Johns, who plays against Grimsby at The Valley.

HEREFORD BLOW

Hereford have suffered a major blow for next week's F A Cup match with Arsenal. Their captain, John Delve, ever-present this season, has to undergo a knee ligament operation and will be out of action for 12 weeks.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

CANON LEAGUE—Div. IV

Colchester (2) 3	**Port Vale (0) 2**
Groves	A. Brown
Bowen (2 pens)	Smith
	—2,014

FOOTBALL COMB.—C. Palace 1, Luton 2.

SCHOOLS.— English Under-19 County Ch'ship: Suffolk 0, Middlesex 3. County Under-19: Suffolk B 4, Middlesex B 3. BHS Trophy: Surrey 0, Essex 1. Knowles Cup: Surrey 5, Essex 2.

Byrd (13) of Murray Internationals out flanks Griffiths of Solent to pass to team-mate Archibald (10). Solent lost this Philips International 67-54.

Pates back to face Manchester United

COLIN PATES, recovered from an abdominal strain, and Nigel Spackman, prepared to ignore his Boxing Day broken nose, take their places today in a Chelsea squad aiming to end one of the best years in their history in spectacular fashion, writes **Roger Malone**.

Anticipating a Stamford Bridge crowd in excess of 40,000, Chelsea with only six defeats in 39 League games in 1984, seek the scalp of Manchester United, whom they held to a 1-1 draw at Old Trafford in September.

Pates returns to central-defence, Spackman looks to soldier on in midfield, with a late decision to be made between Gordon Davies and David Speedie in attack.

United, aware three successive away League defeats keep them two points behind leaders **Tottenham**, recall Paul McGrath to defend, but may lack Jesper Olsen who is unfit, while Gordon Strachan takes a late test.

Hoddle back

Tottenham look to Glenn Hoddle, restored after injuries, to scheme revenge over **Sunderland** for the North Easterners' Milk Cup success at White Hart Lane.

Reigning champions **Liverpool** react sharply to their shock home defeat by Leicester, dropping Johnston and Molby against **Luton**—and giving Kevin Macdonald, their £400,000 signing from Leicester six weeks ago, his debut.

Michael Robinson, who left Liverpool for **Queens Park Rangers** for £125,000, is not certain to play at **Stoke**.

Frank Sibley the caretaker manager makes a late decision, as it is two months since Robinson played First Division football.

With Joe Corrigan returning to **Brighton** because his loan-spell has not resulted in a full-tranfer, Stoke recall apprentice Stuart Roberts, 17, in goal.

Arsenal's left - back Ken Sansom misses the **Newcastle** trip with a gruin strain.

VALE FELLED BY GROVES

Colchester ... 3
Port Vale ... 2

PERRY GROVES was the toast of Layer Road last night as the talented teenager, spied on by a gagle of scouts, hit an early goal and gained two penalties for Colchester.

Two minutes later, he had no chance when Groves fastened on to a great ball from Parkinson, outstripped the defence, and rifled the ball past the goalkeeper from 10 yards out.

Vale's great chance fell to Oshor Williams when Hunter left him with a free crack at goal. However, he hit the shot wide. Siddall superbly saved from Groves again, and the winger harrassed Webb into handling inside the area. Keith Bowen took the penalty and Colchester were two up.

The visitors came out fighting after the break. When Hedman only cleared to Martin Smith, his right-foot volley was only just wide.

Smith put the visitors back in the game. After an inter-change of passes, he put in Ally Brown to pull a goal back.

Port Vale looked to be getting back into the game, but when Wayne Cegaleski handled a Groves cross and Bowen stepped up to net his second penalty.

Smith hit back for Vale with a 66th minute goal.

Colchester.—Chamberlain; Farrell, Phillips, Parkinson, Day, Hedman, Groves, Osborne, Bowen, Adcock, Irving. Sub: Burman.

Port Vale.—Siddall; Webb, Bromage, Hunter, Sproson, Cegielski, Williams, Lodge, Brown, Earle, Smith. Sub: Griffiths.

BROOKING SIGNS FOR RAINHAM

By NEIL SCOTT

TREVOR BROOKING, the former West Ham and England midfield maestro, has signed for Rainham, the struggling Servowarm Isthmian League Division II club, and plans to play for them in the New Year.

Dagenham, a Gola League club, tried and failed to persuade Brooking to play for them in the FA Cup on Jan. 5, but Rainham expect him to make his debut for them on Jan. 29 at home to Uxbridge in the league.

The main reason why Rainham were able to coax Brooking back into action following his retirement at the end of last season is that his brother, Tony, a police inspector, is the team coach.

Rainham have won only four out of 15 league matches this season and are five places off the bottom of the points table. Club secretary, Terry King said: "He'll be an inspiration to our players and will certainly boost our gates."

Polished image

Another famous football name, Sir Stanley Matthews, has accepted an invitation to become President of Isthmian Division I club **Walton**. Sir Stanley 70 on Feb. 1, is coaching in Canada and will return to England on Feb. 6.

Walton, clearly intent on giving their image a polish, have also persuaded Charlie Cooke, the former Chelsea and Scotland midfield player, to become a vice-president.

Sutton, still unbeaten after 21 Isthmian Premier Division matches, will be at full strength at home to **Bognor** today. Hayes, in second place, face a hard test at Worthing, lying fourth.

Paul Harding, a striker, plays his first full game for **Dulwich** at **Billericay** after scoring three goals against Tooting on Boxing Day

Sad Solent fall to Scots stars

By RICHARD TAYLOR

BRITISH clubs made a steady start at this season's Philips International tournament at Crystal Palace, although Murray Internationals of Scotland went through at the expense of troubled English champions Solent Stars.

Solent, facing closure unless the Receiver finds a buyer, lost 67-54 and played without Tony Watson who has joined American Dan Callandrillo and fellow England international John Johnson's departure from the club because they have not been paid.

Kingcraft Kingston, many observers' favourites to take Solent's title, won 107-101 against Leverkusen, while Cottrills Manchester surived a nervous finale to beat Swedish champion Solna 79-76.

The firt day of the eighth Philips was remarkable in that there were no boycotts, no walk-outs and none of the rows that have made Europe's largest club basketball event such a rich hunting ground on and off the court.

Four foul out

Blue is definitely the mood at Solent, whose coach Jim Kelly said: "The club say there are potential sponsors but I have heard that before. The longer this goes on, the more players we will lose."

Manchester, who play Athletes In Action in today's other quarter final, had four players foul out against Solna, and they were not safe until Colin McNish grabbed a rebound ten seconds from time after a Swedish shot missed.

Their stolen kit was recovered in time for the game by Eric Wilson, the England women's manager, who is a Manchester detective. It was in a stolen car in Moss Side.

Kingston, who plan talks with Solent deserter Johnson, were seen home by England international Martin Clark, who slammed a dunk over Leverkusen's defence in the final moments.

Kingston rested injured American Dan Davis to save him for the National Cup final against Warrington on Jan. 7 and replaced him with Larry Dassie, another American who is waiting to receive British naturalisation.

The three top seeds, Maccabi Tel Aviv, Sao Paolo (Brazil) and AIA all cruised past their opponents with the Israelis amassing an incredible 72 rebounds against Bratislava. Solent would be happy to have scored that many points, or have that many pounds in the bank. Results:

Senior Men.—Manchester 79, [illegible] 76—Maccabi Tel Aviv [illegible] Bratislava (Czech) 87—Athletes In Action (U.S.) 109, [illegible] — [illegible] 67, Solent 54. Junior Men — Leverkusen 47, Vienna [illegible] Belgrade 106, Ghent 72—Warrington [illegible] East London 70. Women.—Falkirk [illegible] Kingston 76—Crystal Palace [illegible] Vienna 48.

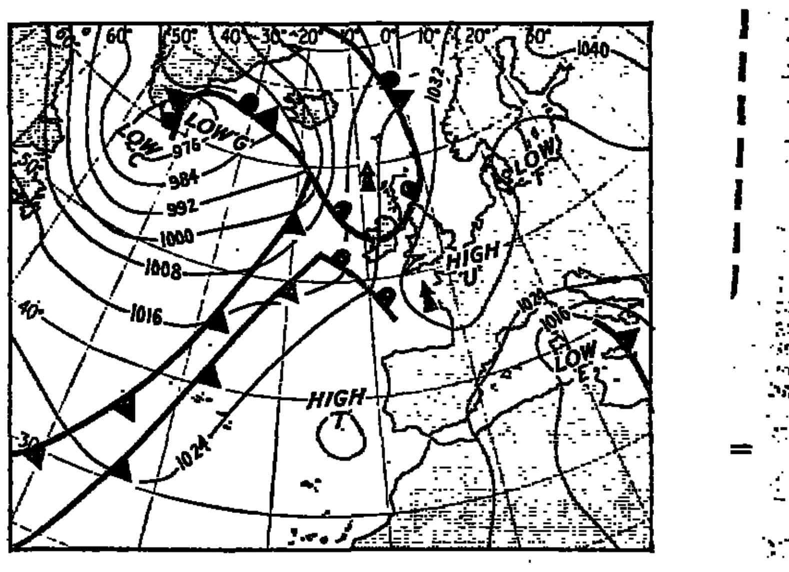
Reprieve for Monte rally

The French Motor Sports Federation (F F S A) yesterday gave the go-ahead for the Monte Carlo Rally—the day after the organising Automobile Club of Monaco (A C M) had called off the 1985 event.

In a communique issued after a special meeting of its executive committee, the F F S A said it had agreed the Rally could be staged under conditions similar to those of 1981.

The A C M announced on Thursday night that they were cancelling the event, due to start on Jan. 26, because of what it called "unacceptable conditions" set by the F F S A.

ATLANTIC WEATHER—Noon Dec. 28



High "U" will intensify and move a little north-east. Lows "C" and "G" will move slowly north-east and fill. Lows "E" and "F" will remain slow moving with little change. High "T" will lose its identity.

Momentous milestone for 'Mister' Venables

By MICHAEL CALVIN in Barcelona

TERRY VENABLES reaches a momentous milestone in his managerial career tomorrow when Barcelona's Nou Camp Stadium stages one of the great occasions of world football.

Despite his studied professional protestations that only two Spanish League points are at stake, he cannot escape the implications of masterminding a Barcelona victory over Real Madrid before a capacity crowd of 120,000.

Supporters would dance in the streets at the reaffirmation of Catalonia's regional pride represented by the opening of a six-point lead over their most deadly rivals.

In the boardroom men capable of remarkable ruthlesness will conveniently forget that they had doubts about an unknown English coach recommended by Bobby Robson.

They will celebrate in the knowledge that an entire city will be united by a remarkable sense of hatred which has developed between the duelling giants of Spanish soccer.

Libel action

Josep Lluis Nunez, Barcelona president, is already fighting a libel case against Juanito, Madrid's temperamental international.

He ensured that Real's candidate for the presidency of the Spanish Federation was defeated and has reached a tacit understanding with the rest of the Spanish League clubs that if Real make an offer for any player, he will pay five per cent. more.

Understandably, Mr Venables chooses to distance himself from such political manoeuvring. His self-evident ability as "a football coach is the only testimonial he requires.

Barcelona's haul of 27 points in the first half of their 34-match League programme is a record. But the real measure of the Englishman's success is that, for once, no-one at a club renowned for its intrigue is speculating about his successor.

Effective Archibald

Steve Archibald, whose seven goals mark him as an effective import to a defensive League, trained in bright winter sunshine and then acknowledged: "Terry has proved here that he's got it all.

"He has an ability to deal with people and his grasp of tactics is marvellous. He's brought stability and we are playing as a team and not as 11 individuals."

Mr Venables's most significant coup so far has been the rehabilitation of Bernd Schuster, whose wayward nature, which has led to his being involved in police chases in the Pyrenees, has blighted his contribution to previous regimes.

The former Queens Park Rangers manager—known throughout the city as "Mister"—believes that the West German international is the best player in the world on current form, but he remains resistant to praise.

"Over here there is a tendency to celebrate a triumph before it is achieved," he said.

"Although things have gone well I know I have done nothing yet.

"Without doubt it would be the most satisfying thing I have ever done in football if we win the Spanish League. Other managers might torment themselves by thinking about the possibilities, but I will not."

However, in Barcelona nothing succeeds like excess and he must endure such bizarre compliments as finding a long-forgotten — some would say best-forgotten—record he made at 18 being played continually on a local radio station.

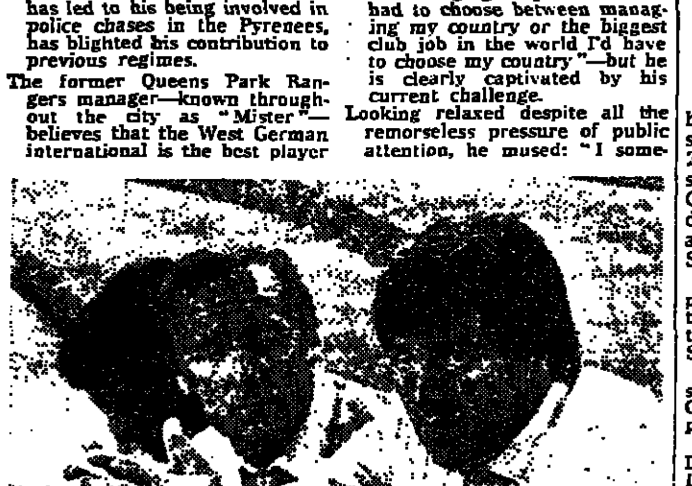
He retains the eventual ambition of managing England—"If I had to choose between managing my country or the biggest club job in the world I'd have to choose my country"—but he is clearly captivated by his current challenge.

Looking relaxed despite all the remorseless pressure of public attention, he mused: "I sometimes wonder whether it's quite right for a lad from Dagenham doing this job. It's the biggest.

"When I am working with players, the surroundings don't matter, but I know that success would mean to the people here.

"Football is Catalonia's only way of expressing itself and, over the years, the frustration has built up. Nothing matters more than beating Real Madrid.

"They will go berserk if we win and, whatever happens, Sunday will be an event. I only hope I'm able to enjoy it."



Terry Venables (right) with his loyal assistant, Alan Harris.

Rackets

TITCHENER BOWS OUT

By ROB McLEAN

With Shannon Hazell, the holder and New York professional, missing from the Under-24 Singles Racket Championship, which started at Queen's Club, West Kensington, yesterday, James Male and Neil Smith are favourites to win the Swallow Trophy.

Male, arguably the third best player in the world, and Smith, the Queen's Club professional, are top seeds with Peter Brake, the Seacourt professional, third.

Paul Titchener, the fourth seed, is out, beaten by Alan Giddins, the former Eton College pupil.

Giddins, studying economics at Durham University, meets Kevin Lewis in today's quarter-finals and, although it is their first confrontation in competition, they know each other's game well.

During a short spell as assistant professional at Eton last year, Lewis coached Giddins when he reached the final of the Foster Cup.

Lewis, who has since moved on to Clifton, needed five games to beat Julian Feneley after leading 2-0 and 12-5 in the third.

1st rd.—J. Feneley bt J. D. Greville-Heygate 15-4, 15-1, 15-2; K. Lewis bt D. Read 15-10, 15-4, 15-6; C. May bt J. Warren 15-4, 9-15, 15-6, 15-7. 2nd rd.—A. Giddins bt P. Titchener 15-10, 15-4, 15-5; K. Lewis bt Feneley 15-1, 15-8, 13-15, 15-16, 15-11. May bt A. Jeavons 15-3, 15-1, 15-2; A. Lewis bt A. Mallinson 1-15, 9-15, 15-9, 17-16, 15-12; N. Smith wo S. Scott (scr). J. S. Male bt D. Mallinson 15-0, 15-0, 15-0.

Boxing

HOLMES' DEFENCE

Larry Holmes, the International Boxing Federation (I B F) world heavyweight champion, will defend his title for the last time against fellow American David Bey on March 15, promoter Don King said in New York yesterday.

Soccer

MORTIMER MOVE

Sheffield United have signed Dennis Mortimer, Aston Villa's former European Cup winning captain, on a month's loan.

REST OF THE SOCCER PROGRAMME

GOLA LGE.—Altrincham v Dagenham, Barrow v Northwich Vic, Bath v Dartford, Enfield v Boston, Frickley v Nuneaton, Gateshead v Kettering, Kidderminster v Scarborough, Runcorn v Yeovil, Telford v Barnet, Wealdstone v Maidstone, Weymouth v Worcester.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LGE (2.15).—Bangor v Cliftonville, Coleraine v Carrick Rngrs, Crusaders v Ards, Glenavon v Distillery, Glentoran v Portadown (3), Larne v Ballymena, Newry v Linfield.

NORTHERN PREM LGE.—Bangor v Goole, Burton A v Oswestry, Chorley v Worksop, Gainsborough v Southport, Grantham v Mossley, Horwich v Rhyl, Hyde U v Buxton, Marine v Workington, Morecambe v Macclesfield, S Liverpool v Stafford R, Witton A v Matlock.

SOUTHERN LGE.—Prem Div: Chelmsford v Alvechurch, Corby v Folkestone, Fisher v Cheltenham, Gloucester v King's Lynn, Hastings v Bedworth, RS Southampton v Willenhall, Shepshed v Gravesend, Welling v Crawley, Witney v Fareham.

MIDLAND DIV.—Aylesbury v Hednesford, Banbury v Rushden, Dudley v Redditch, Leicester v Coventry SP, Merthyr v Bridgnorth, Moor Gn v Milton Keynes, Oldbury v Wellingboro, VS Rugby v Stourbridge.

SOUTHERN DIV.—Andover v Salisbury v Ashford, Dover v Canterbury v Woodford, Erith v Addlestone, Hillingdon v Tonbridge, Poole v Chatham, Thanet v Basingstoke, Waterlooville v Sheppey.

WELSH LGE.—Nat Div: Brecon v Carran, Bridgend v Barry, Briton Ferry v Ton Pentre, Cwmbran v Milford, Haverfordwest v Pt Talbot, Maesteg Pk v Ebbw Vale. S. A. Brain Cup 3rd Rd: Abergavenny v Treharris, BP v Gorw., Caerleon v Sully, Llanelli v Ammanford, Pontllanfraith v Merthyr.

GT MILLS WESTERN LGE (2.30).—Barnstaple v Melksham, Chippenham v Taunton, Clandown v Frome (3), Clevedon v Paulton, Dawlish v Bideford, Devizes v Exmouth, Mangotsfield v Weston-s-Mare, Plymouth v Minehead, Saltash v Shepton Mallet.

F A VASE.—3rd Rd: Sholing Sports v Bristol Mnr F, Uxbridge v Eastbourne U, Egham v Leyton-Wingate, Braintree v Wivenhoe. Replay: Collier Row v Bracknell.

UTD COUNTIES LGE.—Prem Div: Baldock v Wootton, Buckingham v Potton, Desboro v Raunds, L Buckby v Brackley (2.15), Rothwell v Eynesbury, Stamford v S & L Corby, Stotfold v Newport Pagnell, St Neots v Bourne (2.15).

EASTERN COUNTIES LGE.—Chatteris v Colchester, Clacton v Ely, Felixstowe v Stowmarket, Gt Yarmouth v Haverhill, Harwich v Tiptree, Lowestoft v Histon, March v Brantham, Sudbury v Soham, Thetford v Braintree, Wisbech v Bury. Lge Cup: Gorleston v Newmarket.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LGE.—Prem Div: Barking v Leytonstone/Ilford, Billericay v Dulwich, B Stortford v Hitchin, Croydon v Epsom, Harrow Boro v Harlow, Sutton U v Bognor Regis, Tooting v Slough, Walthamstow v Wycombe, Wokingham v Windsor, Worthing v Hayes. Div 1: Boreham Wd v Maidenhead, Bromley v Aveley, Chesham v St Albans, Farnborough v Leatherhead, Hertford v Kingstonian, Hornchurch v Woking, Lewes v Hampton, Oxford C v Met Police, Staines v Basildon, Tilbury v Clapton, Walton v Wembley. Div II North: Chalfont St Peter v Berkhamsted, Harefield v Flackwell Hth, H Hempstead v Barton R, Heybridge Swifts v Royston, Letchworth GC v Tring, Marlow v Kingsbury, S Walden v Cheshunt, Ware v Haringey Borough, Wolverton v Stevenage Borough. Div II South: Camberley v Whyteleafe, Chertsey v Petersfield, Dorking v Newbury, Feltham v Banstead, Grays v Ruislip Mnr, Molesey v Southall.

LONDON SPARTAN LGE (3.15).—Prem Div: Danson v Amersham, Hanwell v Brimsdown R, Pennant v Beckton, Redhill v Burnham (3), Swanley v C Casuals, Thatcham v Beaconsfield (3), Waltham Abbey v Edgware.

HELLENIC LGE. (2.15).—Prem Div: Abingdon U v Hounslow, Almondsbury Greenway v Fairford, Bicester v Thame, Clanfield v Wantage, Didcot v Maidenhead, Moreton v Abingdon, Morris M v Supermarine, Sharpness v Shortwood, Wallingford v Rayners Lane.

S E COUNTIES LGE (11).—Div I: Fulham v Watford (Barnet), Ipswich v Southend (Portman Rd), Millwall v Arsenal (Lansley Pk), Orient v Portsmouth (Ive Farm), Tottenham v Cambridge (Cheshunt), West Ham v Chelsea (Chadwell Hth). Div II: Bristol R v Wimbledon (Hambrook), C Palace v Brighton (Mitcham), Luton v Brentford (Dunstable), West Ham v Oxford (Chadwell Hth).

HOME AND ABROAD

Ajaccio	s	55	13	Locarno	s	32	0
Akrotiri	s	64	18	London	fg	37	3
Amstrdm	c	34	1	*L. Angls	f	55	13
Ascension	s	84	29	Luxmbrg	c	34	1
Athens	s	61	16	Luxor	s	68	20
Bahrain	r	64	18	Madrid	s	48	9
*Barbados	f	81	27	Majorca	f	50	10
Barcelna	s	46	8	Malaga	s	55	13
Belfast	c	45	7	Malta	f	55	13
Belgrade	fg	19	-7	Manchstr	s	41	5
Berlin	sn	25	-4	Melbo'rne	s	70	21
*Bermuda	f	68	20	*Mexico C	s	61	16
Biarritz	fg	37	3	Miami	s	79	26
Birmghm	c	36	2	Milan	fg	32	0
Blackpool	c	37	3	Montreal	c	10	-12
Bordeaux	f	36	2	Moscow	s	9	-13
*Boston	sn	18	-8	Munich	c	27	-3
Boulogne	f	41	5	Nairobi	f	75	24
Bristol	c	41	5	Naples	r	45	7
Brussels	s	36	2	Newcastle	c	34	1
Budapest	c	32	0	N. Delhi	s	63	17
*B. Aires	f	75	24	New York	r	43	6
Cairo	f	68	20	Nice	s	48	9
Cape Tn	s	70	21	Oporto	dr	55	13
Cardiff	c	41	5	Oslo	c	30	-1
Casablnca	s	59	15	Paris	s	31	-1
Cologne	c	34	1	Peking	s	25	-3
Cpnhgn	sn	32	0	Perth	f	68	20
*Chicago	dr	37	3	P Stanly	dr	52	11
Corfu	f	57	14	Prague	c	28	-2
*Denver	f	46	8	Reykjvik	sl	36	2
Dublin	c	46	8	Rhodes	r	63	17
Ednbrgh	dr	36	2	*R. de Jan	c	77	25
Faro	s	59	15	Riyadh	r	63	17
Florence	f	45	7	Rome	r	46	8
Frankfurt	c	34	1	Salzburg	f	28	-2
Funchal	c	63	17	*S. Frisco	c	45	7
Geneva	c	37	3	*S. Paulo	c	75	23
Gibraltar	s	57	14	Seoul	s	21	-6
Glasgow	dr	39	4	Singapore	c	79	26
Guernsey	c	37	3	Stckhlm	sn	30	-1
Helsinki	sn	17	-7	Strasburg	c	36	2
Hongkong	c	55	13	Sydney	f	68	20
Innsbrck	s	27	-3	Tangier	s	57	14
Inverness	s	39	4	Tenerife	f	66	19
I. of Man	c	48	9	Toronto	c	45	7
Istanbul	c	46	8	Tokyo	s	46	8
Jersey	c	39	4	Tunis	c	52	11
Johnsbrg	s	84	29	Valencia	s	55	13
Karachi	f	68	20	Venice	r	41	5
Larnaca	s	66	19	Vienna	c	30	-1
L. Palmas	c	66	19	Warsaw	f	27	-3
*Lima	s	81	27	Wellingtn	f	66	19
Lisbon	f	57	14	Zurich	c	32	0

Key: C—cloudy; dr—drizzle; f—fair; fg—fog; r—rain; s—sunny; sl—sleet; sn—snow. Temperatures (F & C) lunchtime generally. Asterisk indicates previous day's reading.

BRITISH RESORTS

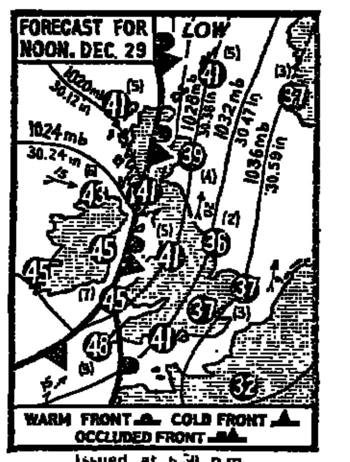
Reports for the 24 hours to 6 p.m. yesterday:

	Sun hrs.	Rain ins.	Max. Temps. F	C	Weather (day)
East					
Scarboro'	1.6	—	36	2	Bright
Bridlington	1.4	—	36	2	Bright
Cromer	2.7	—	41	5	Bright
Lowestoft	1.2	—	39	4	Sun am
Clacton	2.7	—	41	5	Brgt pm
South					
Folkestone	1.8	—	45	7	Bright
Hastings	0.9	—	45	7	Cloudy
Eastburne	—	—	45	7	Cloudy
Brighton	—	—	43	6	Bright
Worthing	1.3	—	43	6	Cloudy
Bognor R.	2.3	—	43	6	Cloudy
Southsea	3.7	—	45	7	Sun pm
Sandown	5.0	—	45	7	Sunny
Ventnor	4.0	—	45	7	Bright
Bournemth	2.9	—	45	7	Brgt am
Poole	3.1	—	45	7	Brgt pm
Swanage	2.5	—	45	7	Cloudy
Weymouth	1.8	—	45	7	Cloudy
Exmouth	1.7	—	46	8	Cloudy
Teignm'th	0.8	—	46	8	Cloudy
Torquay	0.8	—	46	8	Brgt am
Falmouth	3.0	0.01	50	10	Sunny
Penzance	5.5	0.01	52	11	Sunny
Jersey	0.1	—	39	4	Cloudy
Guernsey	1.9	—	43	6	Bright
West					
Scilly Is	3.6	—	54	12	Sun am
Newquay	4.6	—	50	10	Sunny
Ilfracombe	5.2	—	45	7	Sunny
Tenby	5.6	—	48	9	Sunny
Colwyn B	4.9	—	46	8	Sunny
Sou'hport	—	0.01	41	5	Cloudy
Morecambe	—	0.02	39	4	Dr.zzle
Douglas	—	—	46	8	Drizzle
Scotland					
Eskdalemr	—	0.08	36	2	Drizzle
Prestwick	—	—	43	6	Drizzle
Glasgow	—	0.07	36	2	Drizzle
Tiree	1.6	0.04	48	9	Brgt am
Stornoway	3.3	0.05	46	8	Sunny
Lerwick	—	0.02	43	6	Showers
Wick	3.6	—	45	7	Sunny
Kinloss	2.9	—	41	5	Sunny
Aberdeen	3.6	—	41	5	Sun pm
St Andrws	0.6	0.01	34	1	Cloudy
Edinburgh	—	0.01	37	3	Fog
Northern Ireland					
Belfast	—	0.01	46	8	Driz am
Lake District					
Ambleside	—	0.59	42	5	Drizzle
Kendal	—	0.18	46	8	Drizzle
Keswick	—	0.02	43	6	Cloudy

CYCLING

COLOGNE SIX-DAY RACE (leaders after 1st night).—J. Kristen/H. Rinklin (W Germany), 1; G. Frank/H. Schuetz (Denmark/W Germany), 2; D. Thurau/D. Clark (W Germany/Australia), 3.

BRITISH ISLES



Issued at 6.30 p.m.

Black circles show temperatures expected in Fahrenheit. The equivalent temperature in Centigrade is given alongside in brackets. Arrows indicate wind direction and speed in m.p.h. Pressures in millibars and inches.

SKI-ING CONDITIONS

The following reports were supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain:

	Depth l	Depth u	Conditions Piste	Conditions o.P.	Weather	Temp(F) 5 pm
Avoriaz	60	80	w	v	f	25
Crans Montana	5	70	g	pd	f	32
Davos	35	100	g	pd	f	25
Flaine	50	100	pr	h	fa	31
Kitzbuhel	5	15	w	v	f	31
Megeve	15	40	fa	fa	f	19
Sauze d'Oulx	10	40	v	n	cl	26
Verbier	20	50	pr	pd	f	26
Wengen	35	70	fa	pd	fe	26

Key: l—lower; u—upper; c—closed; cl—cloudy; cr—crust; f—fine; fg—fog; fa—fair; fo—fohn; g—good; h—heavy; i—icy; o.p.—off piste; pd—powder; pr—poor; r—rain; sn—snow; sp—spring; th—thaw; v—varied; w—worn. Depths in centimetres; temperatures in Fahrenheit.

SCOTLAND

CAIRNGORMS—Upper runs: Two runs complete but narrow, new snow on a firm base. Middle runs: two runs complete, new snow with icy patches. Lower slopes: limited nursery areas, new snow. Vertical runs: 1,200ft. Hill roads and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000ft.

GLENSHEE—Upper runs: very little hard packed snow. Hill roads: icy. Main roads: icy. Snow level: 2,000ft.

GLENCOE—Insufficient snow.

LECHT—Upper and Middle runs: Some runs complete with many ice patches. Lower slopes: limited nursery areas, hard packed snow with many ice patches. Vertical runs: 600ft. Hill roads and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000ft.

Forecast for today: Mainly cloudy with some rain, starting off as snow on Cairngorms, Glenshee and Lecht. Rain persistent and heavier at Glencoe, where there will also be extensive mist. Freezing level 2,500ft., rising to 4,500ft., and much higher at Glencoe. Wind South East fresh or strong, with gales at times on higher slopes.

Outlook for tomorrow: Little change, but becoming colder on Monday with rain turning to snow later. Sunny and frosty with light winds Tuesday and Wednesday.

LONDON READINGS

Max. temp. (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) 41F (5C); min. temp. (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.) 34F (1C); rainfall nil; sunshine 0·3 hours.

In Britain yesterday (daytime) warmest Gwennap Head, Cornwall 54F (12C); coldest Leeming, N. Yorkshire 32F (0C); wettest Benbecula 0·19 inch; sunniest Tenby 5·6 hours.

Lighting-up time 4.29 p.m. to 7.36 a.m. Sun rises 8.6 a.m., sets 3.59 p.m. Moon rises 11.56 a.m., sets 11.47 p.m. High water at: London Bridge 5.57 a.m. (20ft); 6.38 p.m. (20ft). Dover 3.10 a.m. (19.8ft); 3.43 p.m. (17.8ft).

SUNDAY

Lighting-up time 4.30 p.m. to 7.36 a.m. Sun rises 8.6 a.m., sets 4 p.m. Moon rises 12.8 p.m., sets 12.55 a.m. tomorrow. High water at: London Bridge 6.41 a.m. (19.4ft); 7.28 p.m. (19.4ft). Dover 4.2 a.m. (19ft); 4.42 p.m. (17ft).

TELEVISION—SATURDAY

GUIDE BY RONALD HASTINGS

BBC-1

8.30 a.m. The Perishers, rpt. 8.35 The Littliest Hobo, rpt. 9 Saturday SuperStore. 10.45 Take Two: young people's views on the BBC's programmes. 11.25 The Kids from Fame in Concert, recorded in Los Angeles. 12.12 Weather.

12 15 GRANDSTAND—Including Football Focus at 12.20; News at 12.59; Racing from Newbury for the 1, 1.30, 2 and 2.30 races; Basketball, world invitational club championships from Crystal Palace, at 1.40, 2.10 and 2.40; Rugby League, first cup semi-final, at 3.30 and 3.55, Final Score at 4.40.

5 05 NEWS, WEATHER; at 5.15 Sport/Regional News.

5 20 JIM'LL FIX IT—Jimmy Savile starting a new series.

5 55 "THE TOWERING INFERNO" (1974). Titanic-style disaster, with the world's tallest building burned down on its inauguration: first-rate spectacle, even if it is usually someone in flames, but third-rate characters and background. Paul Newman as the architect of the San Francisco building, but someone has been cutting costs. Vicarious entertainment, described by one critic as "all-star idiocy". With Steve McQueen, William Holden, Richard Chamberlain. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

8 35 DYNASTY—A Little Girl. Kirby has a relapse, Adam confesses to Blake about a poisoning. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

9 25 NEWS, SPORT and WEATHER.

9 40 COME ON DOWN?—Barry Norman on American game shows on television. Who chooses the contestants, and why? It took one contestant four months to get over it, but the prizes are big. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

10 30 MATCH OF THE DAY—Highlights from two First Division games.

11 20 DICKD CARROTT—Highlights from Jasper Carrott's 1985 series.

12 00 ★"HIGH NOON" (1952, b/w)—Somebody's joke to put it on at the wrong 12 o'clock. Gary Cooper as the marshal who gets no help from the town against the badman. A minor, low-key Western which became famous by being so well done and has since raised the wrong expectations. Cooper won an Oscar. Grace Kelly co-starring, on this their wedding day. 1.25 Weather.

BBC-2

3.15 p.m. The Chaplin Revue: two short comedy films—"Shoulder Arms" (1918, b/w) and "The Pilgrim" (1923, b/w), first as a WWI recruit, then as an escaped prisoner. 4.35 "Bearheart of the Northwest" (1976): he's a brave dog tracking down villains in the wilds of Oregon after saving a girl from a bear. Family film with Marshall Reed and Denver Pyle.

5 55 ★THE ROYAL BALLET IN ROMEO AND JULIET—This is the one with music by Prokofiev, which is used in so many TV commercials, choreographed by Kenneth MacMillan and with Alessandra Ferri as Juliet and Wayne Eagling as Romeo, conducted by Ashley Lawrence. The ballet, from The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, was first danced in 1965, MacMillan's first full-length work.

8 10 SATURDAY REVIEW 1984—The best and worst of the year's arts and media presented by Russell Davies, with discussions on books, music, films, design and television.

9 25 FANNY AND ALEXANDER—Third and last part of the Ingmar Bergman Swedish film with English sub-titles.

11 45-1.15 "THE MUMMY" (1959)—Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee in their third running Hammer Horror this BBC weekend. This was the one in which Mr. Lee rose, all muddy bandages, from the swamp. Once again, nothing like the thrill of the 1950s Hollywood original, but better than the several Hammer sequels. With Yvonne Furneaux and Eddie Byrne.

ITV London Weekend

6.25 a.m. Good Morning Britain, with The Wide Awake Club at 8.30. 9.25 The Smurfs. 9.35 "The Legend of the Lone Ranger" (1981): sentimental, disappointing and unconvincing Western set in Texas in 1854, with Klinton Spilsbury and Michael Horse. 11.15 Magnum: Tom Selleck. Silent Night.

12 15 WORLD OF SPORT—Including Darts, British Open, from Kensington at 12.20, 2 and 2.50; News at 12.45; On the Ball at 12.50; Racing from Ayr for the 1.20, 1.50 and 2.20 races; Motor Sport, Hot Rods from Wimbledon, at 1.30 and 2.30; Half-time soccer round-up at 3.45; Wrestling from Bury at 4; Results at 4.45.

5 00 NEWS and SPORT.

5 05 POP GOES NEW YEAR—Repeat from last year with Culture Club, Tracey Ullman, Eurythmics, Limahl and Style Council.

5 35 THE GRUMBLEWEEDS RADIO SHOW—New Year Special.

6 05 THE A-TEAM: Showdown! A three-man team, looking very like the A-team, try to force the owner of a Wild West show to sell out. (Oracle sub-titles.)

7 00 RUSS ABBOT'S SCOTTISH MADHOUSE—A week after his Christmas Madhouse we get a repeat of his Scottish venture. (Oracle sub-titles.)

7 45 THE PRICE IS RIGHT—Back with a new series presented by Leslie Crowther, an hour of this to replace an hour of 3-2-1. (Oracle sub-titles.)

8 45 TARBY AND NEW YEAR FRIENDS — Jimmy Tarbuck in his last programme, with three TV interviewer-presenters, Michael Aspel, Michael Parkinson and Gloria Hunniford, plus Gary Wilmot, Cilla Black and American comedian Foster Brooks.

9 45 NEWS.

10 00 THE VERY BEAST OF SPITTING IMAGE—A compilation of the more gruesome bits from the last series.

11 00 DURAN DURAN: BLUE SILVER—Documentary on their American tour earlier this year.

12 00 THE JACKSON ROUTE—Second in the three-part mountaineering drama. Preceded by London News Headlines.

12 50-1 PEACE.

Channel 4

12.30 p.m. "Tales of Beatrix Potter" (1971): ballet version using all her animal characters, danced by The Royal Ballet and choreographed by Frederick Ashton, who also appears as Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle. With Wayne Sleep as Squirrel Nutkin/Tom Thumb, Lesley Collier, Alexander Grant, Michael Coleman, Graham Fletcher and Erin Geraghty as the young Beatrix. Five of her stories are used. 2.10 "The Jolson Story" (1946): white-washed biography of Al Jolson in which things continue to turn out right, with Larry Parks as Jolson but the man himself singing the songs. Well made vaudeville bottom-to-the-top story, with Evelyn Keyes, Bill Goodwin and William Demarest. 4.35 Citizen 2000: Rachael, a Child with Special Needs. She was born, handicapped, in Sheffield in 1982, one of the children being followed by a film crew to the year 2000. 5.5 Brookside, rpt.

6 00 NEWS, WEATHER.

6 05 ★THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF NICHOLAS NICKLEBY—Part one. Repeat of the television version of the nine-hour Royal Shakespeare Company stage adaptation of the Dickens novel: second, and longer, part tomorrow evening. With Roger Rees as Nicholas, Emily Richard as Kate, Jane Downs as Mrs. Nickleby and John Woodvine as cold uncle Ralph. At Dotheboys Hall Nicholas meets the tormented Smike (David Threlfall). The cast of 39 play a total of 150 parts and the production was re-staged for television at The Old Vic.

10 00-12.25 ★"MR. SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON" (1939, b/w)—Frank Capra-directed political story of the local hero (James Stewart) who rises to the top, exposing corruption in high places and proving that good old American idealism and values will triumph in the end. Greeted with unbelievable enthusiasm at the time and still a good vintage social film, with Jean Arthur, Claude Rains and Edward Arnold.

★★ Outstanding. ★ Recommended.

ITV REGIONS

TVS

6 25 Good Morning.
8 30 The Wide Awake Club.
9 25 The Smurfs.
9 35 "The Legend of the Lone Ranger" — 1981 film.
11 15 Christmas Magnum.
12 12 TVS Weather.
12 15 World of Sport: L.
5 00 News and Sport.
5 05 Pop Goes New Year: non-stop music spectacular, rpt.
5 35 The Grumbleweeds Radio Show.
6 05 The A-team.
7 00 Russ Abbot's Scottish Madhouse, rpt.
7 45 The Price Is Right — New series hosted by Leslie Crowther.
8 45 Tarby and New Year Friends: guests include Michael Aspel, Cilla Black, Foster Brooks, Gloria Hunniford, Michael Parkinson and Gary Wilmot.
9 45 News.
10 00 The Very Beast of Spitting Image: A look at the most gruesomely eye-watering bits from the last series.
11 00 Duran Duran — Blue Silver: documentary of this pop group's U.S. tour.
12 00 Company.

Anglia

6 25 Good Morning.
8 30 The Wide Awake Club.
9 25 Cartoon Time.
9 30 "The Legend of the Lone Ranger" — 1981 film.
11 15 Christmas Magnum.
12 15 World of Sport: L.
5 00 News and Sport.
5 05 Pop Goes New Year: non-stop music spectacular, rpt.
5 35 The Grumbleweeds Radio Show.
6 05 The A-team.
7 00 Russ Abbot's Scottish Madhouse, rpt.
7 45 The Price Is Right — New series hosted by Leslie Crowther.
8 45 Tarby and New Year Friends: guests include Michael Parkinson, Gloria Hunniford, Michael Aspel and Cilla Black.
9 45 News and Sport.
10 00 The Very Beast of Spitting Image: A look at the most gruesomely eye-watering bits from the last series.
11 00 Duran Duran — Blue Silver: documentary of this pop group's U.S. tour.
12 00-12.30 Late Night Drama —"David".

HTV

6 25 Good Morning.
8 30 The Wide Awake Club.
9 25 The Smurfs.
9 35 "The Legend of the Lone Ranger" — 1981 film.
11 15 Christmas Magnum.
12 12 HTV News.
12 15 World of Sport, including Darts at 12.20, 2 & 2.50; News at 12.45; On the Ball at 12.50; Racing from Ayr at 1.20, 1.50 & 2.20; Motor Sport at 1.30 & 2.30; Soccer Half-times at 3.15; Wrestling at 4; Results at 4.45.
5 00 News, HTV News.
5 05 Pop Goes New Year: non-stop music spectacular.
5 35 The Grumbleweeds Radio Show.
6 05 The A-team.
7 00 Russ Abbot's Scottish Madhouse, rpt.
7 45 The Price Is Right — New series hosted by Leslie Crowther.
8 45 Tarby and New Year Friends: guests include Michael Parkinson, Gloria Hunniford, Cilla Black and Gary Wilmot.
9 45 News and Sport.
10 00 The Very Beast of Spitting Image—Gruesome highlights from the last series with comical caricatures.
11 00 Duran Duran — Blue Silver: documentary of the pop group's tour of the U.S.
12 00 Weather.

Yorkshire

6 25 Good Morning.
8 30 The Wide Awake Club.
9 25 Weather; Followed by The Smurfs.
9 35 "The Legend of the Lone Ranger" — 1981 film.
11 15 Christmas Magnum.
12 15 World of Sport: L.
5 00 News.
5 05 Pop Goes New Year: non-stop music spectacular, rpt.
5 35 The Grumbleweeds Radio Show New Year Special.
6 05 The A-team.
7 00 Russ Abbot's Scottish Madhouse, rpt.
7 45 The Price Is Right — New series hosted by Leslie Crowther.
8 45 Tarby and New Year Friends: guests include Michael Aspel, Cilla Black, Gloria Hunniford and Michael Parkinson.
9 45 News.
10 00 The Very Beast of Spitting Image: A look at the most gruesomely eye-watering bits from the last series.
11 00-12 Duran Duran—Blue Silver: documentary of this pop group's U.S. tour.

TSW

6 25 Good Morning.
8 30 The Wide Awake Club.
9 25 The Smurfs.
9 35 "The Legend of the Lone Ranger" — 1981 film.
11 15 Christmas Magnum.
12 12 Local News.
12 15 World of Sport, including Darts at 12.20, 2 & 2.50; News at 12.45; On the Ball at 12.50; Racing from Ayr at 1.20, 1.50 & 2.20; Motor Sport at 1.30 & 2.30; Soccer Half-times at 3.15; Wrestling at 4; Results at 4.45.
5 00 News and Sport.
5 05 Pop Goes New Year: non-stop music spectacular.
5 35 The Grumbleweeds Radio Show.
6 05 The A-team.
7 00 Russ Abbot's Scottish Madhouse, rpt.
7 45 The Price Is Right—New series hosted by Leslie Crowther.
8 45 Tarby and New Year Friends: guests include Michael Parkinson, Gloria Hunniford, Cilla Black and Gary Wilmot.
9 45 News and Sport.
10 00 The Very Beast of Spitting Image—Gruesome highlights from the last series with comical caricatures.
11 00 Duran Duran — Blue Silver: documentary on the pop group's tour of the U.S.
12 00 Sport: Show Theatre.
12.30 Postscript.
12.35 Weather: Shipping.

Central

6 25 Good Morning.
8 30 The Wide Awake Club.
9 25 The Smurfs.
9 35 "The Legend of the Lone Ranger" — 1981 film.
11 15 Christmas Magnum.
12 14 Weather.
12 15 World of Sport, as TSW.
5 00 News.
5 05-12.30 a.m. As TSW.
12 30 Weather.

Channel

9 25 The Smurfs.
9 35 "The Legend of the Lone Ranger"—1981 film.
11 15 Christmas Magnum.
12 14 Weather.
12 15 World of Sport, as TSW.
5 00 News.
5 05-12.30 a.m. As TSW.
12 30 Weather.

WELSH CHANNEL 4

1.30 p.m. Golf Highlights of the Year. 2.30 Rhythms of Darkness: last part. 3.30 Hiawatha: Michael Bogdanov's adaptation of Longfellow's poem for the National Theatre. 4.50 "Captain Stirrick"—1982 musical about a band of Victorian child pickpockets. 6.30 Amateur Naturalist of the Year. 7.30 Newyddion. 7.45 Sion a Sian. 8.15 Noson Lawen: o'r Parc, Llangadfan, Maldwyn. 9.15 Y Maes Chwarae: Hepo. uchafbwyntiau o'r gem rygbi rhwng dau o brif dimau Gwent, Pontypwl a Threcynon. 10.15 Barron Knights: sioeau comedïau. 11.15-12.40 "The Tall Target"—1951: b/w suspenser about an assassination attempt on Abraham Lincoln's life: Dick Powell, Adolphe Menjou.

RADIO

FOUR

5 55 on Iw Shipping.
6 00 News Briefing.
6 10 Prelude.
6 30 Farming Today.
6 50 Prayer for the Day.
6 55 Weather; Travel.
7 00 News.
7 10 Today's Papers.
7 15 On Your Farm.
7 45 In Perspective.
7 50 Down to Earth.
7 55 Weather; Travel.
8 00 News.
8 10 Today's Papers.
8 15 Robert Westall's "The Dracula Tour" read by Brenda Blethyn. Rpt.
8 30 Smash of the Day: The Hitch-hiker's guide.
9 00 News.
9 05 Countryside.
9 50 The Collie and the Lancaster. rpt.
10 00 Pick of the Year.
11 00 News.
11 05 "Pride and Prejudice": last part.
12 00 Money Box.
12 27 News Quiz of the Year, part 2.
12 55 Weather.
1 00 News.
1 10 Any Sporting Questions 1984.
1 55 on Iw Shipping.
2 00 Katherine Mansfield's "Daughters of the Late Colonel" dramatised by R. S. Byram.
3 00 Mr. Music, rpt.
3 30 Rael Rai's-eye view of events in Hamelin 750 years ago.
4 15 The Oldest New Year.
4 40 The Thunder and Lightning Man, rpt: pioneer electrician Andrew Crosse.
5 00 News; Travel.
5 05 La Belle Irlandaise, rpt: portrait of 19th-century Irish actress Harriet Smithson Berlioz.
5 35 Asterix in Britain.
5 50 on Iw Shipping.
5 55 Weather.
6 00 News; Sport.
6 30 "Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less": 6.
7 00 The War the Normans Rode, rpt.
7 45 Letter from Madras: Mark Tully.
8 00 Dashiell Hammett's "The Maltese Falcon" dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
10 00 News.
10 15 You the Jury.
11 00 Service.
11 15 Great Liners.
11 30 Son of Cliché.
12 00 News; Weather.
12 15-12.30 Tales from a Palm Court.
12 33 Shipping forecast.

THREE

6 55 Weather.
7 00 News.
7 05 Aubade.
9 00 News.
9 05 Record Review.
10 15 Stereo Release.
11 15 Scottish National Orchestra, Boris Berman (piano): Prokofiev, Stravinsky, Dvorak (12.10-12.15 Reading).
1 00 News.
1 05 Ravel and Piston.
2 00 Verdi's Operas—"La Traviata": Renata Scotto (2.35-2.40 Julian Budden).
4 25 Dorian Wind Quintet of New York: Milhaud, Richard Rodney Bennett.
5 00 Jazz Record Requests.
5 45 Critics' Forum.
6 45 The Octave of the Nativity: 7.
7 45 A Revolution in Music: Rousseau, Rameau and the "Querelle des Bouffons" of 1752.
8 40 BBC PO in Italy, with Joaquin Achucarro (piano): Bax, Ravel, Rachmaninov (9.20-9.40 Poetry of Robert Southwell).
10 45 R. H. Bowden's "The Leg" read by Philip Madoc.
11 00 Haydn.
11 57-12 News.

TWO

4 00 Lorri Newman.
6 00 George Ferguson.
8 05 David Jacobs.
10 00 Sounds of the 60s.
11 00 Album Time.
1 00 Radio Active, rpt.
1 30 Sport on 2.
5 30 Knokke Cup 1984.
6 00 Folk on 2.
7 00 Beat the Record.
7 30 Joe Loss—In the Mood.
8 30 Roger Whittaker.
9 30 Big Band Special.
10 05 Ken Bruce.
12 05 Night Owls.
1 00 Peter Dickson.
3 00-4 Stuart Hall, rpt.
VHF: 1 p.m.-7.30 As Radio 1.

ONE

5 55 Chip Shop.
6 00 Mark Page.
8 00 Peter Powell.
10 00 Dave Lee Travis.
1 00 Lenny Henry.
2 00 Paul Gambaccini.
4 00 Saturday Live.
6 30 In Concert.
7 30 Phil Kennedy.
9 30-12 Dixie Peach.

WORLD

6 a.m. Newsdesk. 7 World News. 7.9 Twenty-four Hours. 7.30 From the Weeklies. 7.45 Network U.K. 8 World News. 8.9 Reflections. 8.15 A Jolly Good Show. 9 World News. 9.9 British Press Review. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Handel in London. 10 News. 10.1 That's Trad. 10.15 Letter from America. 10.30 People and Politics. 11 World News. 11.9 News about Britain. 11.15 About Britain.

12 noon Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Anything Goes. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1 World News. 1.9 Twenty-four Hours. 1.30 Network U.K. 1.45 Country Music Profile. 2 News. 2.1 Music Now. 2.30 Album Time. 3 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Saturday Special. 4 World News. 4.9 Commentary. 4.15 Saturday Special (5-5.1 News).

8 p.m. World News. 8.15 What's New. 8.30 People and Politics. 10 World News. 10.9 From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30 New Ideas. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11 World News. 11.9 Commentary. 11.15 Letterbox. 11.30 Meridian.

12 midnight World News. 12.9 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Play of the Week: Season's Greetings. 2 World News. 2.9 British Press Review. 2.15 Sackbuts and Sinfonias. 2.30 Sports Review. 3 World News. 3.9 News about Britain. 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 3.30 Jazz Score. 4 Newsdesk. 4.30 Juke Box Jury. 5.45 Letter from America.

WAVELENGTHS

Radio 1: 1089 kHz, 275 m. 1053, 285. Radio 2: 909, 330. 693, 433. (Radio 1/2 VHF: 88-90·2 MHz).
Radio 3: 1215, 247. (90-5-92·5).
Radio 4: 200, 1500. Greater London 720, 417. (92-94·5, 97·1).
World Service: 648, 463.
Radio London: 1458, 206. (94.9).
LBC: 1152, 261. (97.3).
Capital: 1548, 194. (95.8).

Hockey

SLOUGH LOOK SET FOR THIRD TITLE IN THREE WEEKS

By CHRIS MOORE

THE all-conquering Slough squad set out to complete a remarkable hat-trick when they take part in the Indoor Hockey News tournament at Maidenhead tomorrow.

The English champions will be attempting to take their third title in three weeks.

A fortnight ago they won the unofficial European indoor club championship in Holland. Seven days later they retained their title for the fifth successive year in the Roses tournament at Bristol.

It seems unlikely that the Indoor Hockey News trophy, which has been in the Slough clubhouse for the past seven years, will be going elsewhere after tomorrow's event.

The combined skills of Suti Khehar, Manjit Flora and the rest of the talented Slough squad should have little trouble with the opposition at Maidenhead.

Below strength

Firebrands, the Bristol-based club who were runners-up in last season's national championship, might have been expected to give Slough a testing game.

Unfortunately they will be below full strength and absentees include Peter Nicholson, the England captain, who is in Germany with the national squad.

In the six-team event Slough face Firebrands and Reading in their pool. The other group contains Maidenhead, Westcliff and Southport.

There will be a chance for a wider audience to enjoy watching Slough's talents when the National Club Championship finals are held on March 15.

The BBC will be covering the event which has been switched from Crystal Palace to the Sobell Centre to accommodate television cameras.

Weakened St Albans

The England indoor team's visit to Germany this weekend means that St Albans will have to field a depleted side against Blackheath in the only Premier Division game in the Atari London League today.

Andy Halliday, Stefan Port and goalkeeper John Hurst are all in the England party and St Albans, without these stalwarts, will find it difficult to contain the lively Blackheath.

PROGRAMME FOR TODAY

ATARI LONDON LGE (2.15).—Prem Div: Blackheath v St Albans. Lge: Guildford v Hounslow. Hawks v Surbiton. Tulse Hill v Reading.

TRUMAN SOUTH LGE.—Regionals. Middx, Berks, Bucks & Oxon: Richmond Fk v Gerrards Cross.

CLUB MATCHES.—Ashford (Kent) v Tunbridge Wells. Aylesbury v Bedford. B Stortford v Bury St Edmunds. Blackheath v Lloyds Bk. Brentwood v O Loughtonians. Canterbury v Bexley. Colchester v Norfolk Wdrs. Crostyx v Broxbourne. Dulwich v Polytechnic. E Grinstead v Bromley. Grantham v L Sutton. Hampstead v O Cranleighans. Norwich. G'hoppers v Norwich Us. O Tauntonians v Trojans. Oxford Hawks v Evesham. Purley v Cheam. Reigate v O Kingstonians. Sunbury v Walton. Thurrock v Anchorians. Westcliff v Southend. Bath Buccs v Whitchurch. Bristol v Weston-s-Mare. Chard v Exeter. Cheltenham v Kidderminster. Clevedon v West Glos. Exeter Cits v Taunton Vale. Firebrands v Stroud. Morlands v Telmbridge. Newent v Cheltenham CS. Swindon v Swansea. Lansdown v Redditch. Leicester v GEC-AEI Rugby. N Stafford v Stone. Streetly v Knowle.

WOMEN.—Territorial T'ments. East (Shotley Gate, Ipswich). 10 a.m.: Suffolk v Herts. 10.45: Lincs v Hants. 1.30: Essex v Kent. 3.15: Cambridgeshire v Norfolk.

MIDLANDS (Bedford).— 9.45: Worcs v Leics. 10.45: Bedford College v Notts. 10.45: Warwicks v Staffs. 11.15: Shropshire v Northants. 1.45: Derbys v Beds. 3.5: Bedford College v Worcs. 2.25: Staffs v Notts.

NORTH (Lytham St Annes).— 10.0: Lancs v Sheffield Lge. 10.30: Lancs Central Lge v Manchester Lge. 11.0: Northumberland v Westmorland. 2.0: Durham v Cheshire. 2.30: Cumberland v Yorkshire.

SOUTH (Bisham Abbey).— 11.30: Hants v Bucks. 1.0: Middlesex v Surrey. 2.30: Berks v Sussex. 4.0: Oxon v English Univs.

WEST (Cheltenham).— 10.30: Glos v Wiltshire. 11.45: Cornwall v Hereford. 1.15: Dorset v Avon. 2.30: Somerset v Devon.

NAT WEST SURREY LGE.—Barnes v Ramblers.

TOMORROW

WOMEN.—Territorial T'ments. East (Shotley Gate, Ipswich).—9.45: Herts v Essex. 10.15: Norfolk v Bucks. 10.45: Cambs v Lincs. 11: Suffolk v Kent. 1.30: Norfolk v Essex. 1.45: Hants v Herts. 2: Cambs v Kent. 2.15: Lincs v Suffolk.

MIDLAND (Bedford). 9.45: Warwicks v Northants. 10.5: Shropshire v Leics. 10.30: Notts v Beds. 10.50: Worcs v Derbys. 11.10: Bedford Coll v Staffs. 1.45: Leics v Beds. 2.05: Northants v Derbys. 2.25: Warwicks v Shropshire.

NORTH (Lytham St Annes).— 10: Durham v Northumberland. 10.50: Cheshire v Lancs. 11: Sheffield Lge v Yorks. 2: Cumberland v Manchester Lge. 2.30: Lancs Cent Lge vs Westmorland.

SOUTH (Bisham Abbey).—10: Bucks v Surrey. 11.30: Sussex v Hants. 2.30: Berks v Oxon. Middx v English Univs.

WEST (Cheltenham).—10.30: Devon v Avon. 11.45: Dorset v Glos. 1.15: Cornwall v Somerset. 2.30: Hereford v Wilts.

ICE HOCKEY

NAT LGE.—New Jersey 4, Toronto 7. Montreal 3, Quebec 3—Washington 4. New York Islanders 4—Los Angeles 6, Boston 6.

Women's Hockey

Avon keep ahead of Somerset

By NANCY TOMKINS

AVON continued their winning ways in the Western Counties tournament at Cheltenham yesterday to keep just ahead of title-holders, Somerset.

An injury to the Wiltshire goalkeeper, Cathy Perkins, at the end of the first half, when Avon led Wiltshire 3-0 through Cathy Coombes, Sarah Pearson (penalty corner) and Angie Wright (penalty stroke), lifted the losers to unexpected heights.

The substitute goalkeeper, Jean Walker, a full-back, made the most of a good eye and courage to thwart Avon's attempts to increase their lead after the interval.

Sue Slocombe scored both Somerset goals in far-from-easy 2-0 defeat of Herefordshire. The Somerset captain, Shoona Franks, paid tribute to the determined and increasingly skilful Herefordshire challenge.

Good goalkeeping

Excellent goalkeeping by Gloucestershire's Lynda Redman kept her county in the match against Devon after Eileen Mander had snatched an early goal.

Nelder and Francis replied for Gloucestershire before Mander struck again seconds before the final whistle for a 2-2 draw.

Alison Kalle hit the two Dorset goals that kept Cornwall in bottom place. Despite more spectacular goalkeeping by Dawn Maddern, Dorset won 2-1. Karen Foss netted for Cornwall.

In the other territories, Cambridgeshire lost their unbeaten record in the East 3-1 to the title-holders Suffolk. Tracy Wilce and Helen Bray (2) scored for Suffolk. The Cambridgeshire captain, Vickey Dixon, was injured and replaced.

In the Midlands, Staffordshire annihilated Worcestershire 10-0, Jane Swinnerton hitting five. Nottinghamshire also overwhelmed Northamptonshire 6-0, all the goals coming in the second half when Jeannette Wells managed a hat-trick.

WEST (Cheltenham).— Hereford 0, Somerset 2—Wilts 0, Avon 3—Devon 2, Glos 2—Cornwall 1. Dorset 2.
EAST (Shotley).—Cambs 1, Suffolk 3 —Essex 1, Herts 1—Kent 0, Norfolk 1—Kent 2, Lincs 0.
MIDLANDS (Bedford).—Shropshire 1, Beds 1—Warwicks 3, Derbys 0—Notts 6, Northants 0—Bedford Coll. 0, Leics 5 (non-championship match)—Worcs 0, Staffs 10.
NORTH (St Anneds). — Durham 0, Yorkshire 1—Cumberland 0, N'land 2—Manchester Lge 1, Westmorland 1—Lancs 0, Lancs Cent. 0—Sheffield Lge 0, Cheshire 0.

Robin Knox-Johnston . . . heads the race committee which decided on prizes for unsponsored yachts.

Yachting

Round-the-world inquiries flood in

By TONY FAIRCHILD

THE next singlehanded round-the-world race has attracted inquiries about competing from 250 would-be marathon mariners—an astonishing level of interest considering the vicissitudes of such a voyage.

The B O C-sponsored event begins at Newport, Rhode Island, on Aug. 30, 1986, and the 27,000 miles circumnavigation will be broken by stops in Cape Town, Sydney and Rio de Janeiro.

When the race was first run in 1982, there were 17 starters and 10 finishers.

The 1986 event, expected to last eight months, carries a total of £85,000 in prize money. More entrants are expected than before, so there will be only £12,500 for class winners instead of the £20,800 previously.

But the race committee, headed by Robin Knox-Johnston, have decided that because of the additional problems facing unsponsored entries, there will be £8,300 prizes for the first two unsponsored yachts to finish.

Race officials said that they expected a significant number of sponsored, maxi-sized — 80ft — boats. However, the voyage was also likely to attract plenty of smaller, 40-50ft yachts, which would be un-sponsored.

Recognition of how rapidly developments are changing the face of short-handed sailing has led the organisers to make three rule changes for the 1986-87 voyage, of which the most significant involves water ballast.

The rules will now require tanks for transferable ballast—sea water—to be rigid and permanently secured below decks. The other alterations relate to qualifying voyages and navigation.

Hunt for missing crewman halted

A TOTAL of 101 yachts have now retired from the A W A Sydney Hobart ocean race, leaving less than a quarter of the fleet still racing.

Gale force winds and rough seas drastically reduced the fleet of 152 which set sail from Sydney on Boxing Day, with retirements ranging from half-tonners to maxi-yachts.

The Australian search-and-rescue authorities, yesterday abandoned the search for a crew member of the yacht Yahoo II, who was washed overboard on Thursday night.

The authorities said conditions in the search area were such that there was little point in continuing.

Unconscious in water

The skipper of the yacht also said the man, Wally Russell, 70, had been unconscious when last sighted in the water. No other yachts have been in serious trouble and all have made their way to port under their own power or jury rig.

Meanwhile the race leader New Zealand yesterday morning was far ahead of the fleet and well across Bass Strait. Her last position showed she was taking a course to the west of the rhumb line aiming to reach smoother seas on the East coast of Tasmania.

According to the latest positions, New Zealand held first place also on corect time overall.

The 79-footer, designed by Ron Holland and built for next year's Whitbread round-the-world race, is in a strong position to repeat the double of line honours and first on corrected time for skipper Peter Blake.

He won the race in 1980 with his previous round-the-world racer Ceramco in New Zealand.

Rougher forecast

Though gale force winds of 30-40 knots with rough to very rough seas on a heavy swell are forecast for the remainder of the fleet as they head into Bass Strait, weather authorities expect the wind to abate this afternoon and evening.

However, skippers have been advised to assess the ability of their boat and crew before continuing across the rugged open waters of Bass Strait.

Badminton

IRISH SPONSORED

The 72nd Irish International Badminton Championships, at the Mayesfield Leisure Centre, Belfast, on Feb. 15-17, will be sponsored by Prudential Assurance.

Lawn Tennis

DOWDESWELL THROUGH TO LAST EIGHT

SEVENTH seeded Swiss Jakob Hlasek had to save two match points against the Australian Darren Cahill before reaching the quarter-finals of the Victorian Open Tennis Championships in Melbourne yesterday.

The Czechoslovak-born Hlasek struggled through 6-1, 6-7, 7-6, after Cahill, 19, playing in only his fourth Grand Prix tournament, held two points for the match in the third set tie-breaker.

Hlasek's opponent for a place in the last four will be the British Davis Cup player Colin Dowdeswell who defeated American Scott McCain 6-3, 6-2 in another second round match yesterday.

Young Californian Matt Anger reached the quarter-finals of a Grand Prix tournament for the first time with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Australian Wally Masur. He will meet South African Christo Van Rensburg, a 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 winner over Briton Jonathan Smith.

Singles, 2nd rd.—M. Anger (U.S.) bt W. Masur 6-3, 6-2; C. Dowdeswell (GB) bt Scott McCain (U.S.) 6-3, 6-2; J. Hlasek (Switzerland) bt D. Cahill 6-1, 6-7, 7-6; C. Van Rensburg (S. Africa) bt J. Smith (GB) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles, 1st rd.—C. Limberner & M. Woodford bt B. Drewett & B. Levine (U.S.) 6-3, 6-0; J. McCurdy & F. Johnston bt C. Miller & L. Warder 6-3, 7-6; J. Frawley & D. Houston bt J. Canter & D. Saltz (U.S.) 6-3, 6-4.

C. Dowdeswell & J. Lloyd (GB) bt G. Layendecker & R. Nixon (U.S.) 6-7, 7-5, 6-1; P. Doohan & M. Fancutt bt D. Mustard (NZ) & J. Smith (GB) 6-4, 6-2; B. Drake & W. Masur bt M. Woodridge & H. Sands (U.S.) 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

MASTERS PLACE GOES TO KRIEK

Americans Johan Kriek and Vitas Gerulaitis have been given the final two places in the 12-man Grand Prix Masters Tennis Championship at Madison Square Garden, New York from Jan. 8-13.

Kriek will face Aaron Klickstein of the U.S. in the first round of the £560,000 tournament.

Angling

JAWS GIVES ANGLERS RUN FOR MONEY

LARGE pike are being caught all over the country — but one of the most evasive, a 35-pounder nicknamed Jaws, is smashing anglers' tackle at Throop Fishery on the Dorset Stour, near Bournemouth.

Ernest Leah, the fishery manager, said yesterday that the colder temperature was ideal to hunt Jaws. He recommended the best bait would be a dead dace.

This monster pike, estimated to be 18 years old, has been feeding on small valuable salmon, other fish, and has even swallowed whole mallards.

Some other good current spots for pike include the Bristol Avon, Savay Lake, Denham, Bucks, Cheddar Reservoir, near Bristol, the river Torne, Yorkshire/Humberside, and the Hampshire Avon.

Athletics

LEWIS HONOURED

Carl Lewis, the United States athletics star who won four Olympic gold medals at Los Angeles, was yesterday voted "Best Athlete of 1984" by 70 Italian and foreign sportswriters in a poll sponsored by the city of San Remo. French soccer player Michel Platini was second, and Austrias' Formula One world champion Niki Lauda third.

OTHER SPORTS EVENTS TODAY

BASKETBALL.—Philips World Inv. Club Ch'ships (C. Palace). National Lge, Div. 1: Bracknell Pirates v Sereen Bears Telford (8 p.m.).

BOWLS.—Indoor County Match: Warwicks v Oxfordshire (Avon Valley, 2.30).

DARTS.—British Open T'ment (Rainbow Suite, South Kensington).

ICE HOCKEY.—Heineken Lge. Prem. Div.: Fife Flyers v Murrayfield Racers (7 p.m.). Nottingham Panthers v Whitley Warriors (6.30). Southampton Vikings v Dundee Rockets (6). Streatham Redskins v Durham Wasps (5.45). Div. 1: Crowtree Chiefs v Blackpool Seagulls (6.30).

RACKETS.—Swallow Trophy Under-24 Open Singles (Queen's Club, London).

TOMORROW

ATHLETICS.—Sussex Indoor Lge (Lancing).

BASKETBALL.—Philips World Inv. Club Ch'ships (C. Palace). National Lge, Div. 1: Watkens Crisps Leicester v John Carr Doncaster (4 p.m.).

BOWLS.—Indoor County Match: Cambs v Essex (Ely, 1.30).

CROSS-COUNTRY.—Basis Women's Lge (Southampton).

ICE HOCKEY.—Heineken Lge. Prem. Div.: Ayr Bruins v Fife Flyers (7). Durham Wasps v Whitley Warriors (6.30). Southampton Vikings v Streatham Redskins (6). Div. 1: Richmond Flyers v Peterborough Pirates (5.45).

RACKETS.—Swallow Trophy Under-24 Open Singles (Queen's Club, London).

ROAD RUNNING.—Centreport Charity Road Races & Fun Run (C. Palace, 11 km); Chingford Lge Relay & Highgate Pk; Newham & Ex New Zealand Cup Relay (Chigwell Rowl).

TELEVISION—SUNDAY

GUIDE BY RONALD HASTINGS

BBC-1

9 a.m. The Flumps, rpt. 9.15 "Olympic" Challenge: The 1984 International Games for the Disabled, contested in June on Long Island, New York, by 1,600 athletes; written and presented by Cliff Morgan. 10 Asian Magazine. 10.30 Bonanza: Old Friends, rpt. 11.20 Morning Worship from the Old Parish Church, Peebles. 12.5 See Hear! 12.30 Wait Till Your Father Gets Home: Love Story. 12.55 Tom and Jerry. 1 News, Weather. 1.5 Wildlife on One: Out in the Cold—how animals manage in the coldest places on earth, rpt. 1.30 The Rock Gospel Show from America. 2.5 "Zulu" (1964): the heroic stand by a few British soldiers against 4,000 Zulu warriors in 1879, that's what it is about eventually, once the fashionable displays of anti-war and anti-class system have been dutifully aired. The Battle of Rorke's Drift is graphically done. With Michael Caine, Stanley Baker and Jack Hawkins. 4.15 The Prince of Wales tells his own story The Old Man of Lochnagar: Jackanory rpt. (Ceefax sub-titles.) 4.35 Holiday: starting a new series with the same Cliff Michelmore, Anne Gregg and John Carter, here looking at Corfu, the Caribbean and another Frank and Nesta Bough journey through France. 5.10 This Office Life: adapted from his book by Keith Waterhouse, with Dinsdale Landen as a new clerk beginning work at British Albion where his lack of ambition is well suited to the fact that no work appears to be done. However, all is not what it seems. With Jenny Agutter, Roy Kinnear and Bryan Pringle.

6 30 NEWS, WEATHER.

6 40 SONGS OF PRAISE—Sally Magnusson meets contemporary Christians who have escaped from persecution. From St. Paul's Church, Birmingham. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

7 15 ★ LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE — The Loxley Lozenge. Wesley Pegden (he was the chap with the home-made racing car) once again persuades our trio to give him a hand with "a great discovery".

7 45 BIG DEAL—Home and Dry. Last of the series and Robby has the chance to join a very big game, sit-down money £10,000. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

8 35 ★★ "KRAMER V KRAMER" (1979) — Beautiful playing by Dustin Hoffman and Meryl Streep in a deeply sensitive film about a marriage breaking up and the effect on children. Intelligent and moving, it won five Oscars and deserved every one. Another recommendation is that it was knocked unmercifully ("wall-to-wall sentiment") by the alternative Press. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

10 20 NEWS, WEATHER.

10 35 THE TOUCH—John Lee meets inspiring individuals who are both deaf and blind.

11 25 IT'S MAX BOYCE—With Stephanie Lawrence. Last of the series.

11 55 GOLF: THE ONE CLUB CHALLENGE—Severiano Ballesteros v Lee Trevino from St. Andrews. 12.45 Weather.

BBC-2

1.50 p.m. "City Lights" (1931, b/w): one of Chaplin's best, a sentimental comedy about a tramp, a millionaire and a blind girl flower-seller, mixed with the usual violently slapstick sequences, including one in the boxing ring. A late silent film with an unbearable ending. 3.15 Rugby Special: Northern Division v Romanians. 4 One Man and his Dog, rpt. 4.45 Geoffrey Smith's World of Flowers: Clematis, rpt. 5.10 "The Wizard of Oz" (1939): classic musical fantasy with Judy Garland singing "Over the Rainbow". Another very good one for today, with Bert Lahr, Frank Morgan, Ray Bolger and Jack Haley.

6 50 CARTOON—Monkey Fishes the Moon.

7 00 SKI SUNDAY—Ski Jumping from West Germany.

7 35 NEWS, WEATHER.

7 45 THE NATURAL WORLD—Secret Weapons. Insect warfare. Repeat.

8 35 THE EVERLY BROTHERS REUNION CONCERT—At the Royal Albert Hall in September, 1983. Repeat.

9 45 THE TIMES AT 200—Hugo Young looking at the history and reputation of the newspaper which started life on Jan. 1, 1785, as The Daily Universal Register.

10 35 "THE DRIVER"—(1978): Ryan O'Neal, Bruce Dern. Thriller about a getaway man (O'Neal) taken on by a gang to drive their car for a heist and the detective (Dern) who pursues him with single-minded professionalism.

ITV London Weekend

6.55 a.m. Good Morning Britain, with Thought for a Sunday and at 7.2 Rub-a-Dub-Tub. 9.25 Disney at Christmas: Jungle Book. 9.30 Terrahawks. 10 Morning Worship: The Light Shines in the Darkness, from Above Bar Church, Southampton. 11 Getting On. 11.30 "The Great Muppet Caper" (1981)—a better film than their earlier "Muppet Movie": Kermit and Fozzie are reporters sent to solve a jewel robbery in London. With an army of human actors, headed by Diana Rigg, John Cleese, Charles Grodin, Peter Ustinov and Robert Morley. 1.15 The Big Match: highlights from two First Division games. 2 One More River: first in a two-part film in which Edna Healey follows in the 1876 steps of Mary Slessor, a girl missionary to Calabar in Africa. 2.30 London News Headlines, followed by The Smurfs. 2.45 "Star Wars" (1977): confusing but immensely successful space film with great special effects, loud and fast with a rather callow hero and a blank princess. Starring Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill, Alec Guinness and Carrie Fisher. (Oracle sub-titles.) 5 Duran Duran—As the Lights Go Down: recorded at the Oakland Coliseum in California.

6 00 BULLSEYE.

6 30 NEWS.

6 40 HIGHWAY—Harry Secombe visits Edinburgh.

7 15 "THE LAST DAYS OF POMPEII" (1984) Part one of a two-part TV film, made at great expense, but unseen here. With Franco Nero, Ned Beatty, Lesley-Anne Down, Laurence Olivier, Ernest Borgnine and Anthony Quayle. Part two tomorrow.

9 45 NEWS.

10 00 WEEKEND IN WALLOP—The First International Nethter Wallop Arts Festival. A sort of Hampshire village pageant, directed by Trevor Nunn, all services unpaid and all proceeds in aid of the church roof. With Rowan Atkinson, Mel Smith, Peter Cook, Jenny Agutter, Bamber Gascoigne, John Wells and Maria Aitken among nearly 40 stars. (Oracle sub-titles.)

12 00 THE JACKSON ROUTE—Final episode. Preceded by London News Headlines.

12 50 NIGHT THOUGHTS—With Paul Boateng.

Channel 4

1 p.m. Irish Angle. 1.30 Refugees of Faith: Robert Kee telling the story of the three million Afghans living in exile in Pakistan. 2 "Jolson Sings Again" (1949): Larry Parks still playing Al Jolson, now in his later career up to WW2. At one moment Parks playing Jolson meets Parks playing himself. With Barbara Hale. 3.45 The Heart Has Its Reasons: profile of Jean Vanier, French-Canadian founder, in 1964, of a community in France for the mentally handicapped. 4.45 American Football; preceded by News and Weather.

6 00 ★ THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF NICHOLAS NICKLEBY—Part two. The television version of The Royal Shakespeare Company's stage production of the Dickens novel. After many setbacks Nicholas finds success with the Vincent Crummles Theatre. Back in London the Cheeryble Brothers offer him a job in the City. Repeat.

10 45-12.30 "THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA" (1943)—This was the one in which Nelson Eddy and Susanna Foster sang "opera" which was actually from Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony. It all looks good, and Claude Rains is the monster—a neglected composer still living below the Paris Opera.

★★ Outstanding. ★ Recommended.

ITV REGIONS

TVS

6 55 Good Morning, with (7.2) Rub-a-dub-tub.
9 25 Action Line.
9 30 Terrahawks.
10 00 Morning Worship: L.
11 00 Getting On.
11 30 "The Great Muppet Caper"—1981 film with Diana Rigg, Peter Ustinov and the Muppets.
1 15 The Big Match.
2 00 One More River: story of Mary Slessor, 19th-century missionary.
2 30 The Smurfs.
2 45 "Star Wars"—1977 space epic: Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Alec Guinness.
5 00 Duran Duran—As the Lights Go Down: recorded performance from California.
6 00 Bullseye.
6 30 News.
6 40 Highway.
7 15 "The Last Days of Pompeii"—Part 1 (1984 TV movie). Spectacular drama re-creating the story of volcanic disaster in Roman times: Lesley-Anne Down, Laurence Olivier, Ernest Borgnine. Part 2 tomorrow.
9 45 News.
10 00 Weekend in Wallop—The First Nether Wallop International Arts Festival launched by its villagers, assisted by Peter Cook, Billy Connolly and Andrew Lloyd-Webber.
12 00 Company.

Anglia

6 55 Good Morning, with (7.2) Rub-a-dub-tub.
9 25 Disney at Christmas.
9 30 Terrahawks.
10 00 Morning Worship: L.
11 00 Getting On.
11 30 "The Great Muppet Caper"—1981 film with Diana Rigg, Peter Ustinov and the Muppets.
1 15 The Big Match.
2 00 One More River: story of Mary Slessor, 19th-century missionary.
2 30 Cartoon Time.
2 45 "Star Wars"—1977 space epic: Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Alec Guinness.
5 00 Duran Duran—As the Lights Go Down: performance recorded at the Oakland Coliseum, California.
6 00 Bullseye.
6 30 News, Weather.
6 40 Highway.
7 15 "The Last Days of Pompeii": L.
9 45 News.
10 00 Weekend in Wallop—The First Nether Wallop International Arts Festival: L.
12 00 Sheriey, rpt.
12 30 Christmas People.

Central

6 55 Good Morning, with (7.2) Rub-a-dub-tub.
9 25 Contact.
9 35 Terrahawks.
10 00 Morning Worship: L.
11 00 Getting On.
11 30 "The Great Muppet Caper"—1981 film.
1 15 The Big Match.
2 00 One More River: story of Mary Slessor, 19th-century missionary.
2 30 The Smurfs.
2 45 "Star Wars"—1977 space epic: Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Alec Guinness.
5 00 Duran Duran—As the Lights Go Down: L.
6 00 Bullseye.
6 30 News.
6 40 Highway.
7 15 "The Last Days of Pompeii": L.
9 45 News.
10 00-12 Weekend in Wallop—The First Nether Wallop International Arts Festival: L.

Yorkshire

6 55 Good Morning, with (7.2) Rub-a-dub-tub.
9 25 Weather; Getting On.
10 00 Morning Worship: L.
11 00 Terrahawks.
11 30 "The Great Muppet Caper"—1981 film.
1 15 The Big Match.
2 00 One More River: story of Mary Slessor, 19th-century missionary.
2 30 The Smurfs.
2 45 "Star Wars"—1977 space epic: Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Alec Guinness.
5 00 Duran Duran—As the Lights Go Down: L.
6 00 Bullseye.
6 30 News.
6 40 Highway.
7 15 "The Last Days of Pompeii": L.
9 45 News.
10 00 Weekend in Wallop—The First Nether Wallop International Arts Festival: L.
12 00 Late Night Drama.
12 30 Five Minutes.

HTV

6 55 Good Morning, with (7.2) Rub-a-dub-tub.
9 25 Disney at Christmas.
9 30 Terrahawks.
10 00 Morning Worship from Above Bar Church, Southampton.
11 00 Getting On.
11 30 "The Great Muppet Caper"—1981 film.
1 15 The Big Match.
2 00 One More River: story of Mary Slessor, 19th-century missionary.
2 30 The Smurfs.
2 45 "Star Wars"—1977 space epic: Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Alec Guinness.
5 00 Duran Duran—As the Lights Go Down: recorded performance from California.
6 00 Bullseye.
6 30 News: HTV News.
6 40 Highway.
7 15 "The Last Days of Pompeii"—Part 1 (1984 TV movie). Drama-spectacular re-creating the decadent and doomed civilisation of Greco-Roman Pompeii: Lesley-Anne Down, Laurence Olivier, Ernest Borgnine. Part 2 tomorrow.
9 45 News; Sport.
10 00 Weekend in Wallop—The First Nether Wallop International Arts Festival launched by its villagers, assisted by Peter Cook, Billy Connolly and Andrew Lloyd-Webber.
12 00 Weather.

TSW

6 55 Good Morning, with (7.2) Rub-a-dub-tub.
9 25 Disney at Christmas.
9 30 Getting On.
10 00 Morning Service from Above Bar Church, Southampton.
11 00 Terrahawks.
11 25 Look and See.
11 30 "The Great Muppet Caper"—1981 film.
1 15 The Big Match.
2 00 One More River: story of Mary Slessor, 19th-century missionary.
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9 45 News, Weather.
10 00 Weekend in Wallop—The First Nether Wallop International Arts Festival launched by its villagers, assisted by Peter Cook, Billy Connelly and Andrew Lloyd-Webber.
12 00 The Moviemakers—Sex and Violence.
12 30 Postscript.
12 35 Weather; Shipping.

Channel

1 10 Weather.
1 11 Good News.
1 15 p.m.-12.30 a.m. As TSW.
12 30 Good News; Weather.

WELSH CHANNEL 4

2.10 Citizen 2000. 2.40 Chips Comic. 3.5 A Lineside Look at Model Railways, with Bob Symes. 4.5 Henllys Fawr: Eos v Pentan (with English sub-titles). 4.45 American Football. 6 We're Gonna Sing: gospel music documentary. 6.40 Putting Up the Pickles: profile on the travelling circus family. 7.10 Wil Cwac Cwac. 7.15 Newyddion. 7.20 Apel: ar ran Dr. Bernardo yng Nghymru. 7.30 Galw Gari. 8.10 Rhaglen Hywel Gwynfryn: Tymor y panto—Theatre Felinfach. 8.50 Hywel Morgan. 9.30 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol. 10 Venice in the East: first of two programmes with Gore Vidal, the American writer, tracing his Venetian ancestry. 11-12.30 "National Lampoon's Animal House"—1978 comedy: John Belushi stars as the leader of a fraternity house.

BBC WALES

1.30 p.m.-2.5 Weekend Rugby Union: Pontypool v Newbridge, highlights.

RADIO

FOUR

5 55 on l.w Shipping.
6 00 News Briefing.
6 10 Prelude.
6 30 Morning Has Broken.
6 55 Weather; Travel.
7 00 News.
7 10 Sunday Papers.
7 15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye.
7 45 Bells.
7 50 Turning over New Leaves.
7 55 Weather; Travel.
8 00 News.
8 10 Sunday Papers.
8 15 Sunday.
8 50 Week's Good Cause.
8 55 Weather, Travel.
9 00 News.
9 10 Sunday Papers.
9 15 Letter from America.
9 30 Service from St Augustine's Parish Church, Londonderry.
10 15 The Archers.
11 15 News Review of the Year.
12 00 Smash of the Day: Steptoe and Son.
12 30 Mel Brooks takes the Michael: Kaleidoscope repeat.
12 55 Weather.
1 00 World This Weekend.
1 55 on l.w Shipping.
2 00 Gardeners' Question Time.
2 30 "The Killing of Mr Toad": play by David Gooderson about the private life of "Wind in the Willows" creator Kenneth Grahame.
4 00 Talking about Antiques.
4 30 The Living World.
5 00 News; Travel.
5 05 The Year Ahead.
5 50 Weather.
6 00 News.
6 15 Turning the Devil's Stone: Phil Smith.
6 30 "Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less": 7.
7 00 We Always Prosecute, rpt: Libby Purves investigates shop-lifting.
7 35 A Kindly People, rpt: Ann Urquhart recalls childhood in Lewis.
8 00 Pick of the Year, rpt.
9 00 Masters' India: "Bhowani Junction" (1).
10 00 News.
10 15 Weather-wise, rpt.
11 00 Mindful of the Love.
11 15 Countryside, rpt.
12 00 News, Weather.
12 15-12.30 Tales from a Palm Court.
12 33 Shipping forecast.

THREE

6 55 Weather.
7 00 News.
7 05 Baroque Musical Pictures.
8 00 Brahms Chamber Music.
9 00 News.
9 05 Your Concert Choice.
10 30 The Octave of the Nativity: 8.
11 30 BBC PO in Germany, with Elisabeth Leonskaja (piano): Richard Rodney Bennett, Beethoven.
12 35 Edita Gruberova (soprano): Mozart, Wolf, Brahms, Strauss (1.20-1.25 Reading).
1 55 O'Europe Galante: Leclair, Vivaldi, Telemann.
2 45 Kodaly, Mendelssohn.
3 45 Dvorak's Requiem.
5 30 New Premises.
6 15 BBC PO 50th Anniversary: Giles Swayne's Pentecost Music.
7 00 "The Primrose Path": rpt of a farce from "Le Bourgeon" by Feydeau (7.50-7.55 Interval).
9 00 Itzhak Perlman and Bruno Canino (violin and piano): Mozart, Prokofiev, Dvorak, Kreisler (9.50-10.5 Morris Lurie's story "Tell Me What You Want").
10 50 Northern Sinfonia.
11 55-12 News.

TWO

4 00 Lorri Newman.
6 00 George Ferguson.
7 30 Paul McDowell.
9 00 David Jacobs.
11 00 Desmond Carrington.
12 30 Grumbleweeds, rpt.
1 00 David Hamilton with Two's Best.
2 00 Benny Green.
3 00 Alan Dell.
4 00 String Sound.
4 30 Sing Something Simple.
5 00 Charlie Chester.
6 30 Sports Quiz 84.
7 00 Vernon and Maryetta Midgley.
7 30 Glamorous Nights.
8 30 Sunday Half-hour.
9 00 Your 100 Best Tunes.
10 05 Songs from the Shows.
10 45 Eddie Thompson.
11 00 Sounds of Jazz.
1 00 Peter Dickson.
3 00-4 Two's Best, rpt.
VHF: 5 p.m.-12 As Radio 1.

ONE

5 55 Chip Shop.
6 00 Mark Page.
8 00 Peter Powell.
10 00 Steve Wright.
12 30 Jimmy Savile.
2 30 Adrian Juste.
4 00 Hittsville USA.
5 00 Top 40 of 1984.
7 00 Anne Nightingale.
9 00 Robbie Vincent.
11 00-12 Gary Byrd.

WORLD

6 a.m. Newsdesk. 7 World News. 7.9 Twenty-four Hours. 7.30 From Our Own Correspondent. 7.50 Letter from London. 8 World News. 8.9 Reflections. 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 9 World News. 9.9 British Press Review. 9.15 Sports Review. 9.45 Behind the Universe. 10 News. 10.1 Short Story. 10.15 Classical Record Review. 10.30 Service. 11 World News. 11.9 News about Britain. 11.15 From Our Own Correspondent.

1 p.m. World News. 1.9 Twenty-four Hours. 1.30 Nineteen Eighty-four. 1.45 The Sandi Jones Request Show. 2 News. 2.30 Wives and Daughters. 3 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Concert Hall. 4 World News. 4.9 Commentary. 4.15 Mastermind—Man or Microchip? 5 World News. 5.9 Meridian.

8 p.m. World News. 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 10 World News. 10.9 Not So Much a Hobby. 10.25 Words. 10.30 Financial Review. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11 World News. 11.9 Commentary. 11.15 Letter from America. 11.30 Plato to Nato.

12 midnight World News. 12.9 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Service. 1 News. 1.1 In the Psychiatrist's Chair. 1.45 The Classical Guitar. 2 World News. 2.9 British Press Review. 2.15 Good Books. 2.30 Music Now. 3 World News. 3.9 News about Britain. 3.15 Putting Politics in its Place. 3.30 Anything Goes. 4 Newsweek. 4.30 Gemini to Jo'burg. 5.15 Recordings of the Week.

WAVELENGTHS

Radio 1: 1089 kHz, 275 m. 1053, 285. **Radio 2:** 909, 330. 693, 433. (Radio 1/2 VHF: 88-90·2 MHz).

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Radio 4: 200, 1500. **Greater London** 720, 417. (92·94·5 97·1).

World Service: 648, 463.

Radio London: 1458, 206 (94.9).

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Capital: 1548, 194. (95.8).

THEATRES & CINEMAS

OPERA & BALLET

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COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258
ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA
Ton't, Wed, Fri 7.00 MAZEPPA. Thur 7.30 TOSCA. Also Booking: Rigoletto, Tristan and Isolde, Anna Karenina. CC Ticketmaster 01-379 6212.

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Ton't, Tues 7.30 The Nutcracker. Fri. 2.30 & 7.30 Swan Lake. Ballet Casting info 01-240 9815.
TOMOR CONCERT HAS BEEN CANCELLED REFUND FOR TKT HOLDERS WILL BE MADE ON APPLICATION TO THE BOX OFFICE.
Tomor 8.00 Katia Ricciarelli/Lucia Valentini-Terrani.
THE ROYAL OPERA
Mon, Thur 7.00 Die Fledermaus.

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Until Jan. 5.
SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET
Today 2.30 & 7.30 Mon to Wed 7.30 La Fille mal gardee
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THEATRES

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Rudyard Kipling's
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The play starring FENELLA FIELDING and JEREMY SINDEN
Directed by JOHN HARTOCH
"Kipling is clearly back." Gdn. "The adaptation bespeaks a genuine love of the original." D. Tel. "Fascinating." D. Mail.
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ME AND MY GIRL
ROBERT LINDSAY
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EMMA THOMPSON
Prevs from Feb. 2. Opens Feb. 12.

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Evgs 8.0. Thur. Mat. 3.0 Sat. 5.0 & 8.15. EXTRA MAT Mon. at 3.0.
"OH BOY WHAT A HOOT." (P. O'Neill) Daily Mail.
"A RAPTUROUS WELCOME BACK." BBC for SANDY WILSON'S "WONDROUS MUSICAL." Mail on Sunday.
THE BOY FRIEND
ANNA QUAYLE DEREK WARING
PETER BAYLISS PADDIE O'NEIL
"BLISSFULLY FUNNY." Times.
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Directed by MIKE OCKRENT
"An ambulatory Amityville Horror . . . a wonderful display of grotesque comedy." Gdn. "RIB-SHATTERINGLY FUNNY." T. Out. "BLISSFULLY LUDICROUS." F.T.

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ALAN AYCKBOURN'S
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This Week: A PAGEANT
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"The most exciting theatrical concept to have hit the West End since The Norman Conquests." S. Express.

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"A WILD COMEDY THRILLER." D. Mail.
"NOT SO MUCH A WHODUNNIT AS A WHODUNNIT TO WHOM."
½ price on top price seats for children, all Mat. Perfs.

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Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN
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A swashbuckling musical with an all-star crew. BOOK NOW!

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BARBICAN THEATRE PETER PAN by J. M. Barrie today 2.00 & 7.30 (runs 3 hrs 15).

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DAVID WOOD'S
THE GINGERBREAD MAN
Starring PETER DUNCAN
UNTIL 13 JAN TODAY PERFS 2.30 & 5.30 & SUN PERF 3.30. Next Week Tue & Wed 2.30 Thu & Fri 2.30 & 5.30. (Contact Box Office for further perf times). Half price child's ticket with each adult ticket (Sat & Sun only)

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STEPPING OUT
A new comedy by RICHARD HARRIS.
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25th Consecutive London Season of A. A. Milne's classic children's musical.

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THE CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE PRODUCTION OF
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LOOT
by JOE ORTON
Directed by JONATHAN LYNN
"I laughed until the tears ran down my face." F.T.

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ROY DOTRICE and Full Company in
GREAT EXPECTATIONS
adapted and directed by Peter Coe.

OLIVIER 928 2252 CC 928 5933 'S' (National Theatre's open stage) Today 2.00 & 7.15. Mon 2.00. then Mats Jan 8 to 10 (low family prices) THE ANCIENT MARINER by Coleridge, adapted by Michael Bogdanov. Mon 7.15. then Jan 1 & 2 & Jan 17 to 15 A LITTLE HOTEL ON THE SIDE. Feydeau's farce translated by John Mortimer.

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GALINA PANOVA
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in
RODGER'S & HART'S
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On Wednesday Evening & Saturday Matinee the leading role will be played by DOREEN WELLS
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A New Comedy by DARIO FO
"INSPIRED clowning." S. Tel.
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"A Grand Master." Std
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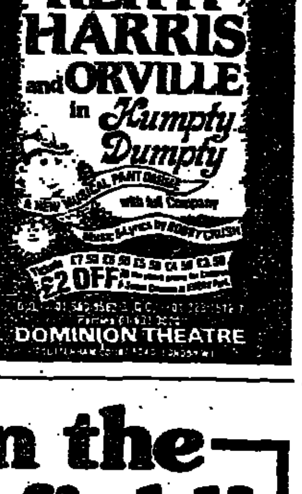

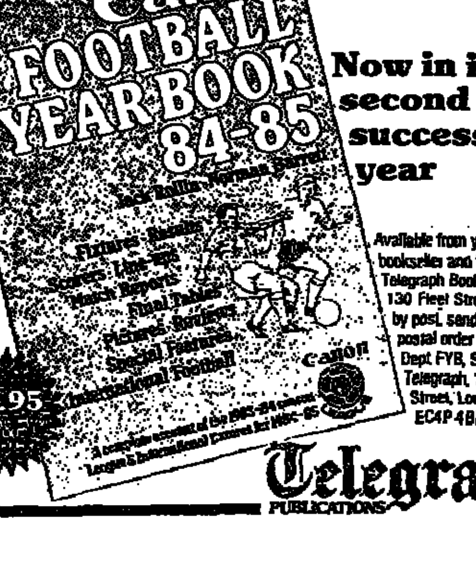

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BIRTHS

BOWERMAN. — On Dec. 22, at Harrogate General Hospital, to JULIA and MICHAEL, a daughter (Alice Matilda), a sister to Harriet and Philippa, and always remembering dear Christopher.

BOWYER.—On Dec. 26, to JANE (née Briggs) and PETER, a son (Matthew), a brother for James.

CHAMBERS.—On Dec. 5, to VALERIE (née Buchanan) and STEPHEN, a son (Cameron John Anderson), a brother of James, Justine and Stewart.

CRESWELL. — On Dec. 27, in Canberra, to EVELINE (née Hellman) and RALPH, a son (Pieter Denis Rudel).

DAVISON.—On Christmas Day, at Odstock Hospital, to FRANCES (née Lance) and GUY, a daughter (Katie).

[illegible].—On Dec. 26, in Swindon, to [illegible] (née Woolford) and JAMES, a daughter (Catherine Anne).

JARVIS.—On Dec. 1[illegible], at St James' University Hospital, Leeds, to LIZ (née [illegible]) and GERRY, a son (Alexander James Patrick).

KHAREGAT.—On Dec. 15, at the International Hospital, Bahrain, to NASREEN and RICHARD, a daughter (Nadia). P.O. Box 50266, Duraz, Bahrain.

LEACH.—On Dec. 19, to ANTONIA (née Sanderson) and PETER, a son (Mark Maurice).

MEYRICK THOMAS.—On Dec. 22, to ANNE (née McArthur) and RICHARD, a son (Nicholas John).

NEVARD.—On Dec. 25, to ROSALIND (née Moss) and RICHARD, a son (David Thomas).

NICHOLSON.—On Dec. 18, to FRANCES (née [illegible]) and DAVID, a son (Julian Francis).

POSNETT. — On Dec. 27, to ELIZABETH and DAVID, a son.

SCUDAMORE. — On Dec. 27, at Matilda Hospital, Hongkong, to CAROL and KENNY, a son (Edward Benedict).

SPELLER.—On Dec. 28, in Johannesburg, to LORNA (née Buckley) and GRAHAM, a son (Jonathan William Anthony).

[illegible]STER.—On Dec. 27, at St Mary's Hospital, Manchester, to DOMINIE (née [illegible]) and MIKE, a son (Roland).

TATE.—On Dec. 25, at Keighley, to FREDA (née Jowett) and TIM, a daughter (Rachel Katherine), a sister for Emma, Sian and Sarah.

WALTON.—On Dec. 26, to ANN (née Stokoe) and GEORGE, a baby boy (Henry). Thanks to all at L.G.H.

WILSON.—On Dec. 2[illegible], to MARGERY (née Smith) and DAVID, a daughter (India Jess), a sister for Davina.

MARRIAGES

LUDLOW—TEMPEST.—On Dec. 21, in Bristol, DAVID CHARLES, son of Mr and Mrs L. C. Ludlow, of Gloucester, to JENNIFER ELIZABETH, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. B. TEMPEST, of Baildon, Yorkshire.

RUBY WEDDING

COOPER—HOLLEY.—On Dec. 29, 1944, at Fisherton Congregational Church, Salisbury, Lieut. DOUGLAS F. J. COOPER, R.E., to MILDRED (Midge) HOLLEY, S.R.N. Present address: 112, Moana Avenue, Nelson, New Zealand.

SAPPHIRE WEDDING

WOOLWAY—BECKWITH.—On Dec. 29, 1959, JOHN WILLIAM to NORAH MAID. Congratulations from all the family.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

ATKINSON—BAYES.—On Dec. 29, 1934, at Winchester Row Methodist, E.4, JACK to GLADYS. Now at Yatton, Avon.

McCURRACH—HOWARTH. — On Dec. 29, 1934, at Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Square, London, HECTOR McCURRACH to KATHLEEN HOWARTH. Now at Assington, near Colchester.

EMERALD WEDDING

RUSHWORTH—HARBY. — On June 18, 1929, at St Giles, West Bridgford, DAVID to VI. Now at Manor Drive, Morton, Notts.

IN MEMORIAM

"THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE"

HODGSON, FRANCIS EVERARD.—Chuffy, the beloved. Barrister, Air Gunner. Mort pour la patrie. 40 years ago this day.—"With Christ, which is far better."

SWEENEY.—Dec. 27, 1940. My beloved brother ARTHUR GORDON, Wg Cdr R.A.F. Takoradi.

DEATHS

ALPORT.—On Dec. 27, 1984, peacefully in a Hove nursing home, VIOLET, widow of CLAUDE ALPORT. Service at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Friday, Jan. 4, at 10 a.m. Inquiries to Hannington's, funeral directors, tel. Brighton [illegible].

ANGEL.—On Dec. 27, at Brighton, MARY, aged 88, formerly of Temple Fortune. Funeral at Willesden, on Monday, Dec. 31, at 2.30 p.m.

AUSTIN.—On Dec. 24, suddenly at his home in Poole, FREDERICK, aged 81 years, formerly of Covent Garden, beloved husband of Edna.

BELL.—On Boxing Day, at home in Lincoln, FRED, aged 69 years, husband of Mary Anne (née Thompson), father of Jackie and Jim.

BEWSHER.—On Dec. 26, peacefully, at St Joseph's Hospital, Chiswick, PHYLLIS MARY, aged 92, dear sister of Joyce and much loved aunt and great-aunt.

BIRD.—On Monday, Dec. 24, 1984, peacefully at her home 14, Riefield Road, Eltham, S.E.9, EDNA MARY (née [illegible]). Funeral service at Stanton Drew Parish Church on Monday, Dec. 31, at 11 a.m., followed by cremation at Bristol South Crematorium at 12 noon. All flowers to Albert Batten & Sons, before 10 a.m., please.

BLACK.—On Dec. 24, 1984, GORDON EMBLETON, late of Jamaica, loving and much loved brother of Pamela Macdonald, Shirley Leonard and Ian. Funeral service Thursday, Jan. 10, at 12 noon, at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium.

BRAMLEY.—On Dec. 27, 1984, peacefully at East View, Fulbeck, Grantham, JOYCE MARY (née Balnes), widow of Jack and beloved sister of Marjorie, Beryl and Amy. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1985, at St Nicholas Church, Fulbeck, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations if desired for St Nicholas Church, Fulbeck, to be directed to David Holland & Son, London Road, Grantham.

BREWSTER.—On Dec. 23, quietly at home, SIDNEY EDWARD FRANCIS. Requiem Mass Jan. 3, at 10 a.m., St Aidan's, Coulsdon, Surrey. No flowers. Donations if desired to Dr Barnardo's.

BURDETT.—On Boxing Day, 1984, at 12, Alma Road, St Margaret's, Twickenham, the home of her daughter, Dulce Laurence, ELIZABETH AGNES, in her 99th year, widow of HORACE [illegible] BURDETT, loving mother of Dulce, Stella and Angela, and proud grandmother. Funeral private.

BUTLER.—On Dec. 28, suddenly in Hong Kong, REGINALD CHARLES BUTLER, beloved son and brother.

CAPEL.—On Dec. 21, suddenly, Dr ERNEST HENRY, of Reigate, Surrey, beloved husband of the late Pat and dear [illegible] and grandfather. Funeral service on Monday, Dec. 31, 10.30 a.m., at the Chapel, [illegible] Funeral Services, [illegible] Court, Redhill.

CARSS.—On Dec. 27, at home Cmdr. J. M. CARSS, D.S.C., Royal Navy, aged 79, beloved and very loving husband of Nan, devoted father of Richard and Penelope and grandfather. Service at Porchester Crematorium, on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 2.45 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired, to R.N.L.I., Poole.

CASSON.—On Dec. 22, 1984, at Ashford General Hospital, Kent, DOROTHY WINIFRED CASSON, six days before her 92nd birthday, formerly Nursing Superintendent, of Tunstall, latterly of Mersham, Kent, beloved widow of William Frodsham-Casson, a much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation Charing, Kent, at 2 p.m. on Jan. 5.

CHASTEL DE BOINVILLE.—On Dec. 25, peacefully at Walkern Hall, NORAH MARGARET, aged 92. Funeral service at Holy Trinity, Stourpaine, near Blandford, Dorset, at 2.30 p.m. on Jan 10.

COLMAN.—On Dec. 26, 1984, NORA ANN. Funeral service at All Saints, Whiteparish, near Salisbury, Wilts, on Friday, Jan. 4, 1985, at 1.30 p.m. Floral tributes or donations for Riding for the Disabled, c/o H. A. Harrold and Son Ltd., 77, [illegible] Road, Salisbury, Wilts, tel. Salisbury 21177.

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PRIZE COMPETITION—No. 18.336

Three prizes of book tokens to a value of £20 will be awarded to the senders of the first three correct solutions opened. Twelve £6 book tokens will be awarded as consolation prizes. Solutions must reach THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, 135, Fleet Street, London, [illegible], not later than first post on Friday. Envelopes must be sealed, and be marked Prize Competition (D.T.) in the top left-hand corner. Winners' names appear on Monday, Jan. 7.

ACROSS

1 & 9 Marxist version of Janet's polish? (6, 6)
4 Official responsible for replacing trees (8)
9 See 1 across
10 A pill that gives pep to a heavenly body (8)
12 Scottish isle of very small extent (4)
13 A boy who's a long way to go? (5)
14 Visible from Mallaig on a dusky evening (4)
17 A triumph that is void of meaning (5, 7)
20 Tutors of drama put out of business by the railways? (5, 7)
23 A doctor's religious work (4)
24 Sort of races that may well be cultivated (5)
25 A number four iron brought out (4)
28 The call of the sea? (4, 4)
29 The size of the class at the finish (6)
30 Standard followed by one who is bound to help in the usual way (8)
31 Written in jail, maybe (6)

DOWN

1 Luminaries who try nothing but cold sweets, apparently (3)
2 A painting done in water colours? (8)
3 & 5 What is needed when one can dimly see a brace of ducks? (4, 2, 10)
6 Still in the same plane (4)
7 A 5 h.p. Russian vehicle (6)
8 British admiral giving stick to a French marshal (6)
11 Establishment whose pupils have to meet mounting costs (6, 6)
15 Its many temples make it a change from Tokyo (5)
16 A vision about breaching an embankment (5)
18 I put in a spell with an important company director (8)
19 A desert's redevelopment vindicated? (8)
21 A minister who rarely gets a weekend off (6)
22 He is or could be a supplier of basic coverage (6)
26 Strike supported by a devout Buddhist (4)
27 End up holding nothing? Agreed! (4)

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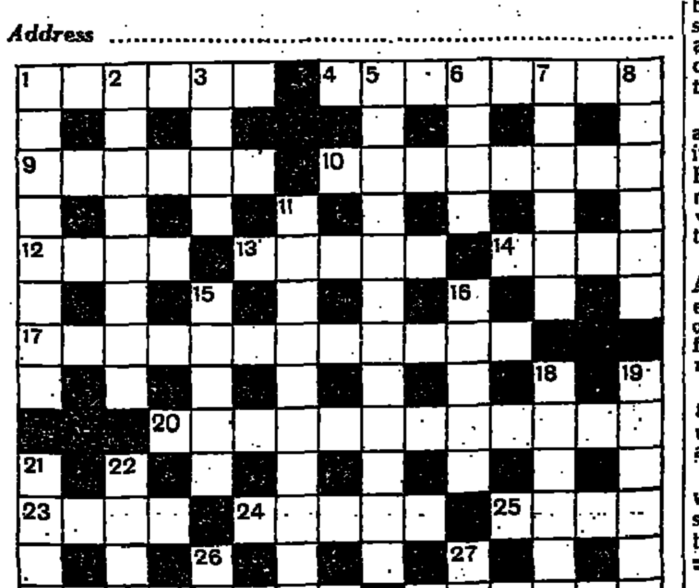
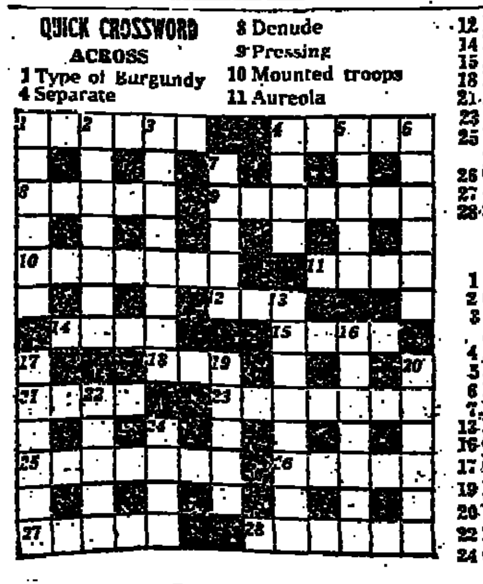


QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Type of Burgundy
4 Separate
8 Denude
9 Pressing
10 Mounted troops
11 Aureola
12 Impudence
14 Likewise
15 Engrave
18 Nothing
21 Anger
23 Bill
25 Flat pieces of pasta
26 Cake decoration
27 Condensed vapour
28 Shouted



DOWN

1 Cut in two
2 Coming
3 The Emperor 1 and 4 across heard
4 Among
5 Scene of combat
6 Military display
7 Precious stone
13 Discern
16 Critical
17 Gambol
19 Light beer
20 Put on show
22 Zest
24 Old

GADDAFI SENDS KORAN TO Dr RUNCIE

By JAMES MacMANUS Diplomatic Staff

THE Church of England envoy, Mr Terry Waite, reported to the Archbishop of Canterbury yesterday on his mission to Libya to free four detained Britons.

Mr Waite, who returned from Tripoli on Thursday night, spent several hours with Dr Runcie at Canterbury Cathedral.

As they strolled in the cathedral grounds Mr Waite gave the Archbishop a gift from Col. Gaddafi — an English-language version of the Koran.

Inside the holy book of the Islamic faith the Libyan leader had written: "With my greetings and congratulations for the New Year. Hoping it will be a year of blessing and peace for humanity."

Dr Runcie said afterwards: "I accept this gift as a welcome sign of the religious character of the mission on which I sent Terry Waite.

"I receive it with some words from the Koran: *It is not God's way to have your trust be disappointed nor to have your faith fruitless, for God is gentle towards mankind and merciful*'."

But Dr Runcie stressed that the talks aimed at freeing the four Britons were still "at a delicate stage."

Mr Waite, who is hoping for a few days' rest with his family, said he hoped to see the families of the detained men before he returned to Libya in ten days time.

The Libyan government has given the Archbishop's special envoy a return ticket to Tripoli so that he can attend the meeting of the People's Congress early in January at which Col Gaddafi's "recommendation" for the release of the detainees will be discussed.

Help for students

The Archbishop is backing Mr Waite's suggestion that British churches set up a telephone "help" service for Libyans in Britain worried about intimidation.

Dr Runcie said: "Mr Waite told Col Gaddafi that the churches would be ready to provide support and advice to Libyans living in this country who felt apprehensive or anxious.

"The secretary of the British Council of Churches has already assured me that a telephone service of this sort could be set up without delay."

A spokeswoman for the Archbishop said later: "There are a lot of Libyan students in this country, and some of them apparently feel lonely and cut off. Some have been very frightened about possible intimidation."

Meanwhile the wife of a Briton who is serving a 12-year jail sentence in Libya said yesterday that he was the "forgotten man" in the efforts to release British detainees in Tripoli.

Mrs Grace Maxwell, speaking at her home in Brookston, Glasgow, said that her husband, Robert, had recently been moved from an outlying prison to a jail in Tripoli, but she was not sure where he was.

Mr Maxwell, 54, was arrested in Benghazi in December, 1980, while working with an Italian pipeline company. Two years later he was brought to trial on charges of bribery and industrial espionage and sentenced to 12 years.

In August this year a British consular official working in the British interest section of the Italian Embassy in Tripoli managed to visit Mr Maxwell, and said that he was fit and well in the circumstances.

Mrs Maxwell said yesterday that she had not seen her husband, who is a civil engineer, since Christmas, 1982, when she thought that he had lost a lot of weight.

'Not forgotten'

She said that she had contacted Mr Waite following his return from Tripoli.

The Archbishop's personal assistant had been "very kind" to her, she said, and had promised to look into the background of her husband's case.

"I am just taking it one day at a time; I am just hoping," said Mrs Maxwell.

A Foreign Office spokesman said last night that Mr Maxwell's case had not been forgotten, but that it was different from those of the four British detainees who had been seized in Libya on purely political grounds.

Mr Maxwell's case lay in the commercial field and was similar to those of other foreigners in Libya seized by the Tripoli government because of disputes with foreign companies.

Libyans wait

There is no sign yet of a trial date for the Libyans held in Britain on explosives charges.

Four Libyan students are due to face charges in Manchester early in the New Year in connection with bomb attacks against Libyan exiles in the city last March.

They are Khalid Mansour, aged 22; Taher Abouzoz, 22; Mohammed Shlebak, 23 all of whom were arrested on March 11 this year.

The fourth Libyan facing charges in Manchester is Abdel As-Aslam Abu Shanayd who was arrested in May.

No date has yet been set for the trial.

In London, another Libyan student, Ali Musbah, who was arrested last March is also awaiting trial.

EEC settles steel row over U.S. import curb

THE EUROPEAN Community settled a long-running row with America last night over U.S. import curbs on community steel pipes and tubes.

A Community Commission spokesman announced this after France approved the scheme under which the community will be limited to a 7·6 per cent. share of the American pipes and tubes market from Jan. 1, compared with 14·6 per cent. this year.

France held up community agreement on the deal while it sought clarification that the French firm Vallourec, which makes gas pipeline equipment, would benefit from an exemption clause.

The sticking point had been American insistence that exemptions should be granted only in cases of contracts to fill orders which could not be met by domestic U.S. suppliers.

Greece and Italy voted against the deal, but their opposition was not sufficient to block the agreement.

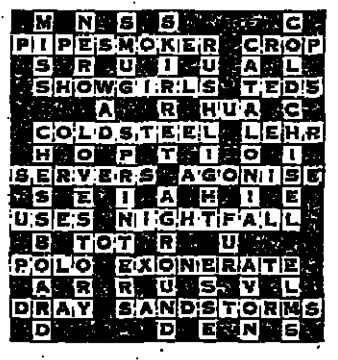
Without agreement America would have introduced even stricter curbs from Jan. 1, with the threat of possible retaliation by the community against American exports.

Under the agreement, the community's share will be allocated among member states as follows: West Germany 2·82 per cent., Italy 2·00, France 0·93, Greece 0·52, Belgium 0·48, Britain 0·40, Netherlands 0·28, Luxembourg 0·17, Denmark and Ireland zero.—Reuter.

GIBRALTAR TALKS

Switzerland has agreed to host discussions between Britain and Spain on the future status of Gibraltar in Geneva on Feb. 5 and 6, a Swiss Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

SOLUTION No. 18,335



Yesterday's Quick Solution

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For a change on Sunday try your skill with THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH *prize crossword.*

Landslide

By DAVID GRAVES

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India, the first results were announced.

The national turnout on Monday was estimated at 60 per cent. and so, coupled with Thursday's voting figure of 55 per cent., election commission officials said that as many people had voted as in 1977 when Mrs Indira Gandhi was swept out of office.

At the last election in 1980 the turnout was about 50 per cent.

Polling in eight constituencies was postponed or countermanded while no voting took place in 27 seats in the troubled states of Assam and the Punjab to complete the 542 seat Lok Sabha, the lower house of Parliament.

A total of 379 million people were eligible to vote for 5,301 candidates.

Some 480,000 polling stations, manned by 2½ million staff, were used along with two million ballot boxes which were taken by boat, mule, camel and helicopter around the country.

Most of the record number of candidates who contested the election were independents and more than 100 constituencies fielded 15 candidates or more.

East Delhi had the largest field with 42 candidates and a ballot paper the size of a broadsheet newspaper.

Formidable task ahead—P5

SECRET SERVICE 'DID NOT KILL ROSE GROWER'

The Government last night formally denied that intelligence agents murdered Miss Hilda Murrell, 78, a rose grower, at her home at Haughmond Hill, north of Shrewsbury, last March.

In a letter to Mr Tam Dalyell, the anti-Falklands war Labour M.P., Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State at the Home Office, said: "I am now able to state unreservedly that your allegations about the intelligence services being involved are totally without foundation."

Mr Dalyell had asked about a theory that Miss Murrell was killed by men searching her papers relating to the order to sink the cruiser Belgrano which was physically relayed from the Admiralty by her nephew, Cdr Rob Green. Police believed Miss Murrell was killed by burglars.

N-SUB GEAR 'FOR RUSSIA' INQUIRY

Norway was investigating yesterday how U.S.-made nuclear submarine detection equipment was shipped to Japan via Norway apparently for illegal re-export to the Soviet Union.

The Japanese firm Shinio Engineering, of Kobe, resold the 31 crates of sophisticated electronics to another firm, which applied to export it to the Soviet Union, a Norwegian Trade Ministry spokesman said. Japanese customs officials blocked shipment after intervention by U.S. authorities.

PRIEST

By ROBIN GEDYE

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before his weighted body was dumped in the Vistula river.

Father Popieluszko had become Poland's most popular priest and his pro-Solidarity sermons would draw more than 10,000 people to the Warsaw church where his grave has now become a shrine to Solidarity.

Lt. Pekala told the court the beatings to Father Popieluszko were administered by Capt Piotrowski who, according to the indictment, led the kidnap and was motivated by hatred of the priest.

It is understood that the policemen belonged to an Interior Ministry department which monitors the activities of the church and the officers concerned were detailed to watch Father Popieluszko.

Lt Pekala said that during one beating Capt. Piotrowski told the priest: "If you don't keep quiet, I will strangle you with my bare hands."

He said Father Popieluszko was first roughed up in a forest near the northern city of Torun where he was seized together with his driver, Mr Waldemar Chrostowski, as they were driving to Warsaw.

The priest was gagged and tied with a plastic rope. Then he was put in the boot of the policemen's car.

Leap from car

Lt Pekala said Capt. Piotrowski ordered him to drive on after Mr Chrostowski leapt from the car while driving at 50 m.p.h.

But they stopped when Father Popieluszko started banging on the boot.

The priest was taken into woods while Capt. Piotrowski went to buy oil for their car at a nearby service station.

When he returned Father Popieluszko tried to escape, but Capt. Piotrowski leant on him and clubbed him senseless. It was then that the priest pleaded for his life.

Before they reached the dam on the Vistula river where Father Popieluszko was thrown in, the car stopped twice more to allow the priest to be beaten unconscious because he was pressing with his back against the boot lid to force it open.

Lt Pekala said that each time he and Lt Chmielowski were ordered to tighten the rope which was looped around the priest's neck and fastened to his wrists and bent knees so that he would strangle himself if he tried to move.

The kidnappers were stopped twice by routine police checks during their journey of more than 100 miles, but their car was not searched because of a special Interior Ministry pass belonging to Capt Piotrowski.

"Without the free pass we would not have been able to travel with the priest in the boot," Lt Pekala said.

Lengthy reports of the first day of the trial were printed by the official Press and film of the four in court was shown on State television.

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MORE POLES FLEE

Twenty-three Polish passengers failed to return to the ferry Rogalin in Amsterdam last night and 12 of them asked for political asylum immediately. Over Christmas 112 Poles left another ferry in Germany.—Reuter.

FREE RIDES IN NEW YORK TO SAVE LIVES

By Our New York Staff

In an experiment aimed at reducing drunken driving and to save lives on New Year's Eve, the New York authorities have announced free travel for revellers on all forms of public transport until 8 a.m. on New Year's Day.

The offer will apply to the subway, buses, the Staten Island ferry, and even long-distance commuter trains that run all night.

Unlike Britain, public transport in New York and other major American cities runs 24 hours a day every day of the year. The anticipated cost to the city of the free ride offer is around £830,000.

MILLENIUM PARTY

The Millenium Society, an American group organising a party on Dec. 31, 1999, at the pyramids in Egypt to mark the year 2000, has sent out invitations to, among others, Prince Harry, who will be 15, and President Reagan, who will be 88.

DEATHS (Continued)

COOK.—On Dec. 25, peacefully, in Zimbabwe, LESLIE COLIN COOK, O.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.Psych., aged 84 years, of Nayland, Colchester, Essex, husband of the late Barbara, father of Colin, the late Peter, and Michael. Memorial service and interment will be held at Wiston Church, Nayland, Colchester, at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26, 1985. Flowers to W. H. Shepherd, funeral director, Colchester, or donations if desired, to Mental Health Foundation, 8, Hallam Street, London W1N 6DH.

COOKSON.—On Dec. 26, JULIAN EVELYN GERALD, aged 80. Cremation at Putney Vale, Jan. 4, at 10.30 a.m. [illegible]

COSGRAVE.—On Dec. 27, 1984, in hospital, ETHEL, aged 90 years, formerly of Nelson Street, Lytham, the beloved wife of the late JACK COSGRAVE, loving mother of Sheila and John. Service and interment at St John the Divine Parish Church, Lytham, on Monday, Dec. 31, at 1 p.m. Further inquiries, please, to [illegible], tel. 0253 [illegible].

COTTRELL.—On Dec. 2[illegible], RICHARD, husband of [illegible], son of Reg and brother of Geoff. Funeral at Garston Crematorium, 3 p.m., Jan. 4. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to M.N.D. [illegible] Funeral Service Ltd., 26, Park Road, Bushey [illegible].

CRAWFORD.—On Saturday, Dec. 22, [illegible]. Funeral private. Nine months indomitable fight. So very much loved.

DARBY.—On Dec. 27, 1984, peacefully, [illegible] Hospital, Edinburgh, ALICE ELIZABETH, the beloved wife of Thomas Rawdon, and loving mother of Kathleen, David and Xandra. Funeral private (family only).

DICKSON.—On Dec. 4, 1984, passed away at [illegible], JOHN MUIR, Palestine Police [illegible] Corps, Uganda, aged 75. Beloved husband of [illegible].

D'OYLY-BALDIE.—On Dec. 23, 1984, suddenly at [illegible] Road, Wimborne, Dorset, GRACE, wife of the late Gordon. Funeral service at Wimborne Cemetery Chapel on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 12 noon. Further inquiries to Charles [illegible] & Son, funeral directors, 15, West Street, Wimborne, tel. Wimborne [illegible].

DRIVER. — On Dec. 27, 1984, ANDREW JOHN, aged 21 years, beloved son of William and Christine, loving brother of Alison, of 51, Wood Street, Geddington. Funeral service at the [illegible] Chapel, Kettering Crematorium on Friday, Jan. 4, at 1.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please. Further inquiries to H. J. Phillips & Son, Funeral Directors Ltd., 25, Princes Street, Kettering.

DURNFORD-SLATER. — On Dec. 25, in London, [illegible] Lady MARY ALICE HILARY (Sally) (née [illegible]), [illegible] years of age, beloved widow of Robin and mother of David and Diana. Funeral service to be held on Jan. 2, 1985, at 2 p.m., at St Luke's Church, [illegible] to be followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only.

DYKE.—On Dec. 21, peacefully at home, FLORENCE ETHEL, aged 91, widow of Victor, beloved mother of Bob, Norman and the late John and [illegible] grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral service St [illegible] Church, [illegible], Cornwall, at 11.30 a.m., Friday, Jan. 4. If desired, donations to British Heart Foundation, 102, Gloucester Place, London.

EDMONDS.—On Dec. 24, passed away, PERCY H. F., of 124, Reedley Road, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, the dearly loved and loving husband of Dorothy and devoted father of David. Funeral service at Westbury Park Methodist Church on Friday, Jan. 4, at 2 p.m., to be followed by cremation at Canford, Bristol. No flowers, please. Peter would be happy for gifts to be sent to St Peter's Hospice, Knowle, Bristol, in his memory.

EVANS.—On Dec. 27, 1984, in hospital, BERTRAM (Bunny), of [illegible] Road, Wilmslow, the dearly beloved husband of Ann and much loved father of [illegible], Susan and Peter. Funeral service on Monday, Dec. 31, at the Macclesfield Crematorium, at 9 a.m. All inquiries to Albert R. Slack, Funeral Directors Ltd., tel. Wilmslow [illegible].

FANTHORPE. — On Dec. 26, 1984, suddenly, Doctor ROWLAND HENRY JOHN FANTHORPE, aged 66 years. Much loved and sadly missed. Funeral service at The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Devizes, on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 12.30 p.m., followed by cremation at Salisbury. All floral tributes and inquiries, please, to Winchcombe Funeral Service, 77, New Park Street, Devizes, tel. [illegible].

FILLINGHAM.—On Dec. 24, 1984, at Southport, STANLEY, of Tarleton, formerly of Bognor Regis, beloved husband of Helen, dear father of John and grandfather of Helen and Anthony. No letters or flowers, please. All inquiries to Broadbent's of Southport, tel. Southport [illegible].

FIRTH. — On Dec. 27, peacefully, PHYLLIS CALDWELL, aged 92 years, of [illegible], Barnstaple, dearly loved wife of the late ERNEST SAMSON FIRTH, dearest mother of Anne, much loved grandmother of Sarah and Bridget, great-grandmother of Rebecca and mother-in-law of [illegible].

FOSTER-THORNTON. — On Dec. 12, of Manor House, Burringham, Scunthorpe, WILLIAM ARTHUR, dearest husband of Anne Elizabeth, loving father of William and dear son of Mrs and the late [illegible] School, B.Sc., Agriculture Nottingham.

GAMBLE.—On Dec. 27, 1984, suddenly and peacefully at home, Sir DAVID GAMBLE, 5th Baronet, formerly of [illegible], beloved husband of Dawn, dear father of Caroline, Josephine and David Hugh. Service at St Mary Magdalene Church, [illegible] Mandeville, on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1985, at 12 noon. Flowers to Thomas Green, funeral directors, Station Road, Wincanton, tel. Wincanton 32754.

GASSON.—On Dec. 26, peacefully, at St Helen's Hospital, after an illness bravely borne, MURIEL JOYCE, of Church Square, Rye. Greatly missed by her husband and children David, Angela and Martin. Service at St Mary the Virgin, Rye, on Friday, Jan. 4, at 2.30 p.m., after private cremation. No flowers, but donations may be sent to C. of E. Children's Society, c/o The Rectory, Gun Garden, Rye.

GENT.—On Dec. 26, 1984, suddenly at his home, 32, Hatton Park Road, Wellingborough, KENNETH JAMES, aged 70 years, the beloved husband of Freda.

GOTHARD.—On Dec. 25, in hospital after long illness, JACK, former member of London Stock Exchange, brother of Vivian and of Grove, George, Betty and Pat (abroad) (also Kitty, Anthony and David deceased). Funeral Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, on Jan. [illegible], at 11.30 a.m. Inquiries to [illegible] 22462.

GRAHAM. — On Dec. 27, at Peel Hospital, Galashiels, after a road accident, IAN EWAN, Registrar and Secretary of the University of Durham. Private funeral in Edinburgh on Monday, Dec. 31, family and close friends only. No flowers.

HILL.—On Dec. 22, 1984, at Worthing, HELEN, aged 77 years, of Ferring, former voluntary worker with Toc H. in Westminster. Sadly missed by her family and friends. Service at Worthing Crematorium on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 2.45 p.m. Inquiries to H. D. Tribe Ltd., Broadwater, Worthing 34516.

HOLLIS.—On Dec. 26, at Manormead Nursing Home, Hindhead, MARY CORDELIA HOLLIS, S.R.N., S.C.M., aged 90, wife of Bishop Michael Hollis. A short service of remembrance and thanksgiving will be held at Manormead Chapel on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 2 p.m. Cremation takes place at Guildford Crematorium at 3 p.m. Gifts to The Nightingale Fellowship, St Thomas' Hospital, London, SE1 7EH, welcomed.

HOOPER.—On Dec. 27, peacefully, at Fishbourne, AUDREY GERTRUDE BLANCHE, late of Selsey Avenue, Southsea, Portsmouth, widow of BERTIE HOOPER. Funeral service at Portchester Crematorium, Jan. 7, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only, please, but donations, if desired, to the National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, c/o Grady's, funeral directors, 25, Mengham Road, Hayling Island.

HOOPER.—On Dec. 24, at Southampton General Hospital, peacefully, in his 84th year, ERNEST BERTRAM. Service at St Leonard's, [illegible], Jan. 4, at 2 p.m. Private cremation at Aldershot. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Chest, Heart and Stroke Association. Funeral directors, Stowells, [illegible].

HORSFIELD. — On Dec. 24, 1984, peacefully at Nazareth House, Plymouth, THOMAS HERBERT, retired Priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Plymouth. Requiem Mass at Plymouth Cathedral on Thursday, Jan. 3, 1985, at 12 noon.

INGRAM.—On Dec. 27, 1984, suddenly at home in Alresford, GUY, beloved companion of Monica [illegible] for 30 years, father of Ruth and grandfather of Nicholas. Funeral service at St John's Church, New Alresford, on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 3 p.m.

JAGGER. — On Dec. 27, peacefully in Haywards Heath Hospital, CHARLES FREDERICK, aged 77 years, of Cuckfield, Sussex, beloved husband of Gertrude and loving father of Peter and Trudy. Sadly missed by all.

JAGGERS. — On Christmas Eve, peacefully in hospital, NAN, beloved and devoted wife of the late JOHN JAGGERS, C.B.[illegible], of Budleigh Salterton.

JAMES. — On Christmas Day, 1984, peacefully at home after a long illness borne with great courage, MARGARET (née Brazier), beloved wife of Michael and mother to Sarah and Louise. Private family burial at Hampstead Cemetery on Thursday, Jan. 3, followed by a memorial service at St Barnabas Church, Temple Fortune, N.W.11, at 3 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Levertons, 624, Finchley Road, N.W.11.

JAMES.—On Dec. [illegible], suddenly at home, 18, [illegible] Road, Waterloo, Liverpool 22, RONALD VICTOR, dearly loved husband of Angela, beloved son of Ronald and the late Frances James, sadly missed by all the family. Service at Thornton Crematorium, on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 1.30 p.m. No flowers, please. If desired, donations may be sent to Multiple Sclerosis Society, 118, Moor Lane, Crosby, Liverpool 23. Inquiries to H. Leslie [illegible] Limited, 051-924 4805.

JOHNS.—On Dec. 27, MICHAEL, of 21, Belmont Road, Exeter, husband of [illegible] and father of Susan and Penny. Funeral service Exeter and Devon Crematorium, Monday, Jan. 7, at 2 [illegible].

JOHNSTONE. — On Dec. 26, 1984, ALISON, aged 84, widow of Capt. (A) HENRY JAMES JOHNSTONE, Royal Navy. Funeral private. No flowers, but donations if desired to St Columba's Hospice, Boswell Road, Edinburgh.

KAYE.—On Dec. 23, 1984, RUTH EMERSON KAYE, widow of Brig. Geoffrey L. Kaye, M.C., R.A., dear mother of Miriam [illegible] and Audrey Kaye, grandmother of Peter and Kaye, great-grandmother of Mark and David. Cremation at Bournemouth on Monday, Jan. 7, at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to Dr Barnardo Homes, may be sent c/o Mews, funeral directors, 6, Bournemouth Road, Parkstone, Dorset, tel. 0202 741169.

KENNEDY. — On Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1984, suddenly at 12, [illegible] Avenue, Kirkintilloch, ADAM KENNEDY, beloved husband of the late Chris Melville Bell, father of James, Mirabel and Nancy and much loved grandfather. Service at St David's Memorial Church, Kirkintilloch, on Monday, Dec. 31, at 9.45 a.m. Funeral thereafter to Daldowie Crematorium, Broomhouse, arriving 10.45 a.m.

KENNEDY. — On Dec. 23, 1984, at the nursing home, Parkgate, South Wirral, Captain MALCOLM D. KENNEDY, O.B.E., late of Cameronians Scottish Rifles and formerly of [illegible], Dalbeattie, beloved husband of the late Margaret, a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral at Christ Church, Dalbeattie, Friday, Jan. 4, 1985, at 2 p.m. No flowers. He would have preferred donations to Christ Church, Dalbeattie.

KENYON.—On Christmas Day, VENICE, widow of Brigadier L. F. R. KENYON, D.S.O. Funeral private. No flowers, but donations to Berriew Church.

KETT.—On Dec. 26, peacefully in her sleep, DOROTHEA ELIZABETH, aged 65 years, late of 30, [illegible], Halstead, Essex, formerly of [illegible] Chappel and Sydney, Australia. Donations in lieu of flowers to N.S.P.C.C. Cremation at Colchester Crematorium Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1985, at 2.30 p.m.

LAWTON-GOODMAN.—On Dec. 27, 1984, peacefully at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, JESSIE CUNNINGHAM, aged 84 years, widow of WILLIAM [illegible] LAWTON-GOODMAN. Funeral at Greyfriars Church, Kirkcudbright, at 10.45 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1985. Family flowers only.

LEACH.—On Dec. 23, 1984, DONALD EDGAR, beloved husband of Winifred May and devoted father of [illegible] and Joyce and grandfather of Stephen. Funeral 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 2, at [illegible] Church. Family flowers only. If desired, donations to The Blind may be left at the church or sent to J. W. [illegible] & Sons, [illegible].

LIZIOLI.—On Dec. 26, in London, PETER, beloved husband of Manda, dear father of Alexandra and Paul, his wife Michela and dear grandfather to Ambra. Requiem Mass at St Mary Magdalene Church, Athenaeum Road, N.20, at 12 noon on Monday, Dec. 31, followed by burial at Hendon Cemetery.

McDERBY.—On Dec. 25, 1984, suddenly at home, after a short illness, MARGARET McDERBY, daughter of the late Charles James and Bertha McDerby and a much loved sister and aunt. Requiem Mass at 10 a.m. on Jan. 3, 1985, at the Church of St John the Evangelist, Duncan Terrace, London, N.1, followed by interment at Harrow Weald Cemetery, Clamp Hill, Harrow, at 12 noon. Inquiries and flowers to W. G. Miller, Essex Road, N.1, tel. 01-226 3886.

McGREGOR.—On Dec. 27, 1984, suddenly at home, [illegible], Bridge of Allan, DAVID McGREGOR, dearly loved husband of Ann and dear father of Andy, Sheila, Fiona, Gillian and Hazel. Funeral service Falkirk Crematorium at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only.

MacLAREN.—On Dec. 28, peacefully at his home in Hermanus, South Africa, Major ARCHIBALD Kerr MacLAREN, The Seaforth Highlanders, aged 85, beloved husband of Frances and a dearly loved uncle and great-uncle.

McLARNON. — On Dec. 27, in hospital, WILLIAM QUARTUS McLARNON, J.P., [illegible] years, of Mill Road, Burgess Hill, beloved father of Bridget and David. Funeral service will take place at the Downs Crematorium, Brighton, at 12 noon, on Friday, Jan. 4. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, may be sent to British Heart Foundation or Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, c/o William Collins & Son, Mill Road, Burgess Hill, tel. 3216.

MANNING.—On Dec. 26, peacefully, in hospital after a short illness, PHYLLIS, aged 87 years, of Grayshott, Hindhead, dearly loved widow of Frank. Cremation at Guildford Crematorium, on Friday, Jan. 4, at 1.30 p.m. Flowers to Gould & Chapman, Crossways Road, Grayshott, Hindhead, by 12.30 p.m. on Jan. 4.

MARSDEN. — On Dec. 24, 1984, suddenly, ANN MARSDEN, aged 51 years, of Poynton, beloved daughter of the late [illegible] and Leonard Marsden. Service at Poynton Baptist Church, on Friday, Jan. 4, at 2.15 p.m., prior to committal at Stockport Crematorium, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations may be made to Poynton Baptist Church. Inquiries to Ben Lloyd Ltd., tel. 061 485 3135 and Poynton 872717.

MARTIN.—On Dec. 25, suddenly, HUMPHREY HARVEY, aged 91 years, of 12, [illegible] Crescent, St Austell, beloved husband of the late Ethel May, dearest father of Monica, loving grandad and great-grandad. Funeral on Wednesday, Jan. 2, leaving the home at 10 a.m. for service at Penmount Crematorium at 10.40 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu if desired to Mount Edgcumbe Hospice, c/o the Manager, Lloyds Bank, Truro.

MOLESWORTH.—On Christmas Eve, suddenly, DOROTHY MAY, dearly loved wife of Denys and mother of Tessa and Peggy. Cremation private. No flowers, please. Donations, if desired, to Oxfam. Memorial service at later date at Holy Trinity, Forest Row, East Sussex.

MORRIS.—On Dec. 23, peacefully in her sleep, ELIZABETH, aged 84 years, wife of the late EDWARD MORRIS, formerly of Ashurst, Kent, and mother of [illegible].

NAPPER. — On Dec. 27, 1984, peacefully, in hospital, TERENCE, aged 78, of Prestbury, Cheshire, much beloved husband of Nancy Mary, loving father of the late Timothy and of Stephen and Michael, dear father-in-law to Judith and Bethea, devoted grandfather to Julia, Andrew, Sarah-Louise and Piers. Will be sadly missed by all of us. Funeral service at Macclesfield Crematorium, at 12 noon, on Monday, Dec. 31. Arrangements at Brocklehurst's, of Prestbury. Family flowers only.

NEARY. — On Dec. 25, peacefully, DORA EILEEN FULLER NEARY, of Poynings, Sussex, daughter of the late Major Stephen Neary, 44th Essex Regiment. Funeral Poynings Church, 1.30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 2. Cremation private. Flowers to Davey, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.

NICHOLSON.—On Dec. 28, after a long illness, DOUGLAS NICHOLSON, beloved husband of Pauline and father of Paul, Nigel, Andrew, Mark and Frank. Funeral service Durham Cathedral Monday, Dec. 31, at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Durham Association of Boys' Clubs, 35, Norfolk Street, Sunderland, SR1 1EE.

NORMAN.—On Christmas Eve, peacefully, VIOLET BERYL, widow of Joseph Linsey, formerly of [illegible] House, Eastbourne, dearly loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Service at Greenfield Methodist Church, Eastbourne, on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 2.15 p.m., followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but donations may be made to Save the Children Fund, c/o Mr Roger Sawyers, 35, Balcombe Road, Haywards Heath, Sussex.

OLLERENSHAW.—On Dec. 26, at his home, Woodend Farm, Hyde, Cheshire, after illness borne with great courage, ANDREW GORDON, aged 56 years, the dearly beloved husband of Alice, deeply loved father of Andrew John, Philip Gordon, and Linda Margaret and loving father-in-law of Hilary. Service at St John's Church, Godley, on Monday, Dec. 31, at 10.15 a.m., followed by committal at Hyde Cemetery, at 11 a.m. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired to Cancer Research, c/o Woodend Farm, Woodend Lane, Hyde, Cheshire SK14 1DL. All inquiries to F. Massey & Son, tel. 061-368 5695 and 2565.

PAGE.—On Dec. 26, at his home in Eastbourne, CUBITT WILLIAM, much loved husband of Dorrie and dear father and grandfather. Service at Eastbourne Crematorium, 11.30 a.m., Jan. 8. Family flowers only.

PARKE. — On Dec. 16, 1984, after a long illness, KENNETH HARWOOD PARKE, T.D., of Albury, Surrey. So loved by his wife Pauline (née Halford) and daughters Gail and Zoë and his five grandsons. Sometime Company Secretary to British Petroleum. Cremation has taken place. At his request no letters, please.

PEARSON. — On Dec. 25, JAMES ANTHONY (Tony), aged 60 years, of 30, Green Hayes Avenue, Banstead, Surrey, formerly of Reading. Cremation at Croydon Crematorium, Thornton Road, Monday, Jan. 7, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers, please, but donations, if desired, to the Army Benevolent Fund. Inquiries, tel. 01-657 5214.

PERRY. — On Dec. 27, peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, ELLA PERRY, B.E.M., aged 66 years, of Fir Lodge, The Avenue, Taunton. Funeral at Staplegrove Parish Church, Taunton, Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 11.45 a.m., followed by interment at Taunton Deane Cemetery. Donations in lieu of flowers for St Margaret's Somerset Hospice, c/o Thomas Bros., funeral directors, West Buckland, Wellington, Somerset.

PICKERING.—On Dec. 25, JULIA DUNN, aged 91 years, widow of Jack, of Friern Barnet, N11, dearly loved mother of Mary and the late Julian, grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation service Tunbridge Wells, 10 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 2. Inquiries to W. & F. Groombridge, Tonbridge, tel. 353964.

PODOLECKI.—On Dec. 26, suddenly, at home in Over Norton, Oxon, JAROSLAW JERZEY, beloved husband of Isobel (Ellis), dearly loved father of Michael, George and Zina. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Chipping Norton, at 12 noon on Monday, Dec. 31.

PRATT.—On Dec. 18, peacefully at Marseille, after a long illness, FREDERICK HAMILTON. The funeral has been held privately in France.

PYE-SMITH.—On Dec. 25, at home in Sheffield, EVELYN MARJORIE, aged 78 years, beloved wife of the late [illegible] Charles and dear mother of Angus. Service St John's Church, Ranmoor, Sheffield, Thursday, Jan. 3, at 12.45 p.m., followed by interment at Crookes Cemetery. Family flowers only, please. Donations for Royal Society for Protection of Birds, may be sent to John Heath & Sons, funeral directors, Sheffield.

ROBIN.—On Dec. 26, 1984, peacefully in Farnham Road Hospital, Guildford, STANLEY HERBERT, aged 90 years, retired Shipping Merchant and Company Director, Freeman of the City of London and a member of the Guild of Freemen. He leaves a devoted wife Grace and a daughter Yvonne and a son Christopher. Funeral service at Guildford Crematorium, Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1985, at 12.30 p.m.

ROYCROFT.—On Dec. 25, passed peacefully away, MARGARET ROYCROFT, aged 85, of Springfield, [illegible], near Nantwich. Funeral at 2 p.m., Jan. 2, at Audlem Methodist Church.

RUSSELL.—On Dec. 26, peacefully at Yeovil Hospital, MAY, the beloved wife of Harold. No letters, please.

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